

Bellevue Public Library "Bursting at the Seams"

Capital Campaign

July 2014– May 2015

What is a capital campaign?

An intensive fundraising effort designed to raise a specified sum of money within a defined time period to meet the varied assets-building needs of an organization.

What is the "Bursting at the Seams" campaign raising money for?

The name says it all. We have finally run out of room at our little library! We have needed more space for our summer reading program for 2 years now. We serve 150 children per week in the summer. We have also had an increase of community members looking for job and GED training. This requires space to hold workshops and computer access to complete GED's online. Lastly, we have never been able to fulfill requests from adult patrons to offer educational and cultural events at the library. This would include book clubs, finance clubs, cooking classes and technology workshops.

So, we are raising \$90,000 to build a 1,064 sq. ft. addition, located on the north side of our existing building. Preliminary plans have been drawn up, along with securing several donations from tradespeople in Bellevue, willing to volunteer their labor to help make our goal a reality. Our goal is to begin construction in July 2015.

How much has the library raised so far?

Currently, we have raised \$27,000 towards our goal. This includes funding from 3 grants, fundraising events and individual donations. The main grant that we received from the Wood River Women's Charitable Foundation in July 2014 for \$25,000 was to cover the extension of our part time Co-Executive Director's hours, to cover our fundraising expenses, and finally, towards construction costs. \$14,000 of this grant is slated for construction.

What are your plans for raising the rest of the funds?

We are continuing to write both local and national grants. We have also completed 3 fundraisers in the last 4 months, including our Oktoberfest Book/Bake Sale, The Empowerment Workshop and The Bellevue Christmas Celebration. We are working on targeting large donors, with the help of a local fundraising consultant. We are accepting all community donations, noe too small, that can be sent to the Bellevue Public Library POB 825, Bellevue, Idaho 83313.

How will you maintain the addition once it is completed?

Part of our \$90,000 goal is for maintenance of the new space. We will be working closely with the City of Bellevue to create a long range maintenance plan, which will not require much more work than what is done now.

What will be the end result of this project?

The overall goal of expanding the library is to create a community space where individuals and groups can come together to pursue educational goals and in turn create a stronger, more educated community. We feel that by offering additional educational opportunities to all community members, it will benefit Bellevue as a whole, making citizens more employable and giving them a chance to create solutions for Bellevue's future generations.