Community Campaign

A New Chapter for the Three Rivers Public Library

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Read - Learn - Dream - Innovate - Grow - Unite - Inspire

My name is Bobbi and I am the Interim Director for the Three Rivers Public Library. The library is about reading, learning, and dreaming, but it is also about innovating, growing, uniting, and inspiring.

On any given day, our staff could be found helping a jobseeker use unfamiliar technology to accept a position, showing someone how to post a photo of an item that they need to sell to make ends meet, or hosting a program that is open to everyone and gives new members of our community a chance to learn new things, meet new people, and make friendships. We assist those that are struggling to find much needed resources and we help new readers find the books that capture their imagination. We point teens that are wrestling with their identity to stories that show them they are not alone and we offer a safe place for people to explore the world around them.

It is our privilege to meet our people where they are and we strive to connect each person to the books, technology, and resources that they need. We maintain a diverse collection of materials for just this reason. It is one of the few places you can come to with no expectations of payment. Anyone can walk through our doors to connect with others, to be alone, or to simply warm up on a cold day.

The library provides resources for the innovators to INNOVATE and for creators and DIYers to be INSPIRED. The library provides our community ways to UNITE and GROW.

With our future move to Downtown Three Rivers, our library will have endless possibilities of creating more spaces to Read, Learn, and Dream and the new space will allow for us to provide more innovative technologies for our community to use.

As we continue to design and build our new home Downtown, we ask that you be a part of this exciting chapter for our community. We are asking for donations to help us continue the construction and major move to our new home. Your gift will help our community’s dream come true to expand our space to continue to help others READ, LEARN, and DREAM.

Bobbi Schrae
DID YOU KNOW?

• The library serves residents of the city of Three Rivers as well as townships of Lockport, Fabius, and Park
• Over 8,000 patrons in our community have a library card
• Patrons outside of our service area choose to pay for a library card

In fiscal year 2019 there were:

• Over 90,000 visits to the library
• More than 17,000 questions answered
• Nearly 600 programs hosted with almost 7,000 people in attendance
• Materials and services used that are valued over $2.1 million

One-month snapshot:

• Over 5,500 items checked out
• Over 8,000 visits to the library
• Over 1,500 questions answered
• 40 programs hosted with over 500 people in attendance
• Nearly 800 books loaned out from inter-library loan
• Over 500 books processed from other libraries for our patrons
The Community Impact

Innovate

- **Self-checkout** kiosk
- **E-books and audiobooks** for all ages are available through Overdrive – the Southwest Michigan Digital Library
- Reserve a book from other Michigan libraries through the **MeLCat** e-library system
- Get **one-on-one technology help** from our staff members
- 16 computer stations and 4 AWE computer stations (with programs specifically for children) are available in the **Computer Room**
- **Hands-on library programs** to learn about: 3D printers, drones, coding, Cricut machines, podcasting equipment, and painting (acrylic, oil, and paint pours)

Grow

- Our **Friends of the Library** group meets regularly for fundraising and support for the library
- Our **volunteers** have grown to over 20 and include teens and adults
- The **Teen Space** is the go-to resource for reading and educational needs for teens ages 12-18
- Non-profit organizations can reserve the **Meeting Room**
- **Play bags available for kids** that include books and toys that explore different topics
- Visits from **special speakers** including authors, artists, and experts have presented a variety of topics including: Michigan’s Most Dangerous Women, the history of Faygo, gardening how-tos, and writing tips
Unite

- **Student book clubs** from TRHS & TRMS have 76 students that meet on a monthly basis
- The library hosts 6 monthly **book clubs** and provides books for even more
- Animanga club
- **Homebound Services** connect those who have trouble getting out with materials they need
- The **Michigan Room** provides access to resource materials about local history and genealogy
- **Board games** are available to play at the library or check out
- **Role-playing clubs** meet regularly to play D&D or Towns and Trolls

Inspire

- **Library activities** are available for all ages (Story Time, Books and Brews, How-to Classes, Movie Mornings, Character Parties, Creation Labs, Workshops, Little Wigglers, escape rooms, and writing groups)
- Automatically reserve books from your favorite authors with **Book My Favorites**
- **Khan Academy** offers resources to parents and teachers to help students achieve academic success
- **Learn to Read** programs help adults learn to read, read better or read English as a second language
- Partnerships with the **Literacy Council** and with **TRYAP** (Three Rivers Young Adult Program)
- **Spanish section** of books purchased with our Spanish speaking patrons in mind
### Gift Giving Opportunities

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Add Your Name to the Donor Recognition Wall

The donor recognition wall will recognize the friends, foundations, individuals and organizations that support the library with significant financial contributions.

Gifts of any size are gratefully accepted, however donor wall recognition begins at the $500 level.

Each category on the donor wall signifies a level of contribution, as outlined below.

Donor Recognition Wall Concept
(Final display is yet to be determined)

Legacy Builder .......................................................... $100,000 and up
Community Visionary .................................................. $50,000-$99,999
Brilliant Benefactor ..................................................... $25,000-$49,999
Unity Sustainer ............................................................. $10,000-$24,999
Library Leader ............................................................... $5,000-$9,999
Book Champion ............................................................. $2,500-$4,999
Proud Patron ................................................................. $500-$2,499

Donor recognition will be ongoing and gifts may be made at any time. The donor recognition wall will grow with every qualifying gift.
By supporting the Read, Learn, Dream campaign you are contributing to the growth of the Three Rivers Public Library and the values it promotes.

Name

Company Name

Email

Phone

Street Address

City/State

Zip

I wish to support the library with the following:

☐ Gift Giving

Please accept my gift of $ __________
☐ This is a one-time gift
☐ This is a multi-year pledge as follows:
  2019 $ _______  2020 $ _______  2021 $ _______

☐ My first payment is included. Please remind me:
  ☐ Quarterly  ☐ Semi-Annually  ☐ Annually

My gift will be:
☐ Check (made payable to Three Rivers Public Library)
☐ PayPal (link at threeriverslibrary.org/read-learn-dream/)

I would like this gift:
☐ In honor of / in memory of (circle one): __________________________
☐ I would like this gift to remain anonymous

☐ Donor Recognition Wall

Gift Amount $ __________________
Plaque Inscription (Limit 35 Characters)

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Plaques may be inscribed with the names of individuals or organizations giving the gift and may be made in honor or memory of a loved one.