ASTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

“ASTORIA + MID-CENTURY + 21ST CENTURY”
Vision

- Explore Ideas
- Engage Minds
- Excite Imagination

Bond Promises

- Improve accessibility
- Expand Children’s space and programming
- Dedicated Teen Space
- Update technology
- Repair the aging building
1. **Accessibility for all**
   Incorporate universal design principles to make the library usable by everyone.

2. **Equity**
   Reflect equity through community input, design and project decisions.

3. **Flexibility**
   Provide flexible space, adaptable to changing needs and uses as community needs, technology, and library service models evolve.

4. **Heart of the Community**
   A gathering place that is welcoming for all.

5. **Innovative and inspirational design**
   Spirit of Astoria + Mid-century building + 21st century library

6. **Sustainability**
   Include systems, materials and practices.

7. **Safety**
   Safety and security for patrons and staff.
• The Library received an NEH Challenge Infrastructure Grant to help fund the project
  Grant will be used to renovate the lower level and create a Humanities Center.
  Grant is $500,000 with a 3:1 match = $2,000,000

• NEH is required to identify and assess remodeling effects on historic properties and
  properties 50 years old
  Section 106 / SHPO application has been completed and determined the remodel will impact the
  existing building structure. NEH fully supports the renovations utilizing the basement and increasing
  daylight for the library and asked us to propose mitigating measures.

• Two mitigating measures have been proposed to offset the effects of the renovation
  Photo documentation of the existing building, renovation process and the new complete building.
  Bolster the Library’s online archive web page to include the above photo documentation, as well as existing
  historical drawings of the building and architectural history. These documents will be available to view in
  the Archives / Humanities Center.

• NEH will prepare a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
  An MOA is a legally binding document that commits the Library to implement the mitigating measures.

• Public comments for 30 days until April 7, 2024
  What is your opinion of the proposed mitigating measures?
  Comment cards are available after this meeting at the back of the room
  Or email comments@astorialibrary.org
How would you describe the spirit or character of Astoria?
What images of culture and nature come to mind?
THE RED THREAD
“The heart of the matter or common denominator of something.
It is an essence that links together the soul of an experience,
the narrative, a unified style or the collective heritage of many peoples”
CURRENT BUILDING CONCEPTS
Flag Room Seating, Typical:
48 seats total
**Lecture Setup:**
- 68 seats total
- 64 seats total (5% accessible spaces)

**Lecture Setup with Spillout:**
- 128 seats total
- 121 seats total (5% accessible spaces)
TEEN AREA: FLOOR PLAN & VIEW FROM ABOVE
TEEN AREA: WALLS

Collaboration wall

Lounge seating

Teen art display / Bulletin board