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**Check Option:** Please make your check payable to the FACP Library Fund.

**Credit Card Option:** Available online. Go to [www.fortlibrary.org](http://www.fortlibrary.org) and click on "Donate" for a secure transaction with your credit card.

**Pledge Option:** I/we agree to donate to the Dwight Foster Public Library Campaign the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable over 1 2 3 years (circle one) beginning \_\_\_\_\_(month) \_\_\_\_\_(year). An initial payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

The remainder of the pledge will be payable:

\_\_\_\_\_quarterly \_\_\_\_\_semi-annually

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this page with your donation/pledge to Foster Growth Campaign, Dwight Foster Public Library, 102 East Milwaukee Avenue, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

*Thank You! Your gift to the Dwight Foster Public Library is tax deductible.*

## Donor Recognition

- All direct donations to the campaign will be permanently recognized in the new library and listed on the library's web site (unless the donor wishes to be anonymous).
- Donors of \$500 or more will have their names recorded on a permanent donor wall in the library, grouped in donor categories listed on the form.
- Several naming opportunities are available. For more information, please contact Connie Meyer, Library Director.

## Other Creative Ways to Contribute

- Check with your employer to see if they will match employee contributions to a charity of your choice.
- Donate appreciated stock.
- Participate in fundraising events.
- Offer to volunteer.
- Don't forget to spread the word about the campaign to others.

For more information, please call the library at 920-563-7790. Additional information available on the library's website at: [www.fortlibrary.org](http://www.fortlibrary.org).

## Why It's So Important

Nothing demonstrates the vitality of a community better than a public library. In 1931, in the midst of the Great Depression, a children's wing was added to this library. It demonstrated, in a tangible way, Fort Atkinson's spirit during a very dark hour. Every day hundreds of people walk through our doors hoping to foster growth of one kind or another. This project will allow the library to better respond to the real needs of our citizens.

A library is the great equalizer for all people. For over one hundred years, our library has collected and stored, answered and referred. It is an incubator of ideas, a place to relax, and a place of research. Studies document that public libraries are key institutions for healthy communities. As Ben Franklin aptly stated:

*"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."*

As an institution, a public library pays enormous dividends to its community. Please help us with the important task of

*Fostering* Growth in Fort Atkinson.

# Foster Growth



## Expansion and Renovation Project



## We Need to Grow

Fort Atkinson has outgrown its current library. Due to increased demand, a greater variety of resources and services, and the advent of electronic technology, the current 21,000 square-foot library building has become increasingly inadequate. There is insufficient space for the library's collection. Every time a book is added, one must be removed. There is limited public seating for the hundreds of people a day who visit the library. Lack of space for programs and meetings makes the library far less available to the community than it could be. Certain parts of the building are not accessible to people with disabilities. Restrooms do not serve the building occupancy and power and data distribution is badly in need of updating. There are significant workflow, safety and security problems. The grade of the lot makes physical access to the building very difficult for people with mobility challenges.



Crowded staff work room



## Here's Our Solution

The library's plan includes:

- 12,000 additional square feet of space allowing for collection growth as well as thoughtful reconfiguration of the existing library
- Preservation of historic architectural elements
- Fun, engaging and inviting new children's space with a separate program area
- Better accessibility to the library and all collections, including a grade level front entry
- Space for additional computers and access to new technologies, with the infrastructure to support the demand
- Increase in seating options, including quiet reading areas by our fireplaces
- Additional public restrooms
- Self-service checkout option
- Separate delivery entrance to accommodate the growing use of library-to-library materials transfer
- Larger and more efficient staff work spaces
- A dedicated area for young adults
- Two small group study rooms that allow for more efficient use of meeting space
- After-hours access to a large group community meeting room

## We Need You!

To make these critical improvements, we need your help. The Foster Growth project will cost \$5.5 million. The city has committed \$2.5 million. In addition, the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation (FACF) has challenged our community with a generous matching gift of \$1.5 million.

We're off to a great start! The remaining \$1.5 million must be raised within the community by July of 2010 to qualify for the match. That means we certainly **do** need you. Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated.

## Ways to Give

Yes! I/We would like to be part of the Foster Growth Campaign with a gift/pledge of:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please list amount)

If desired, gifts may be made in \_\_\_memory OR \_\_\_honor of someone. Print name(s) below:

### Donor Categories

*Help us write our library story.*

Word	\$1-\$499
Page	\$500-\$1,499
Chapter	\$1,500-\$4,999
Story	\$5,000-\$9,999
Book	\$10,000-\$24,999
Collection	\$25,000-\$99,999
Library	\$100,000 and greater