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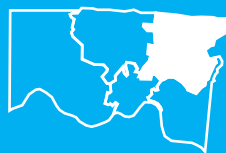
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NORTH EAST PLANNING ZONE  
Blue Ash, Bond Hill, Deer Park, Loveland, Madeira, Pleasant Ridge, Reading, Sharonville,  
Symmes Township



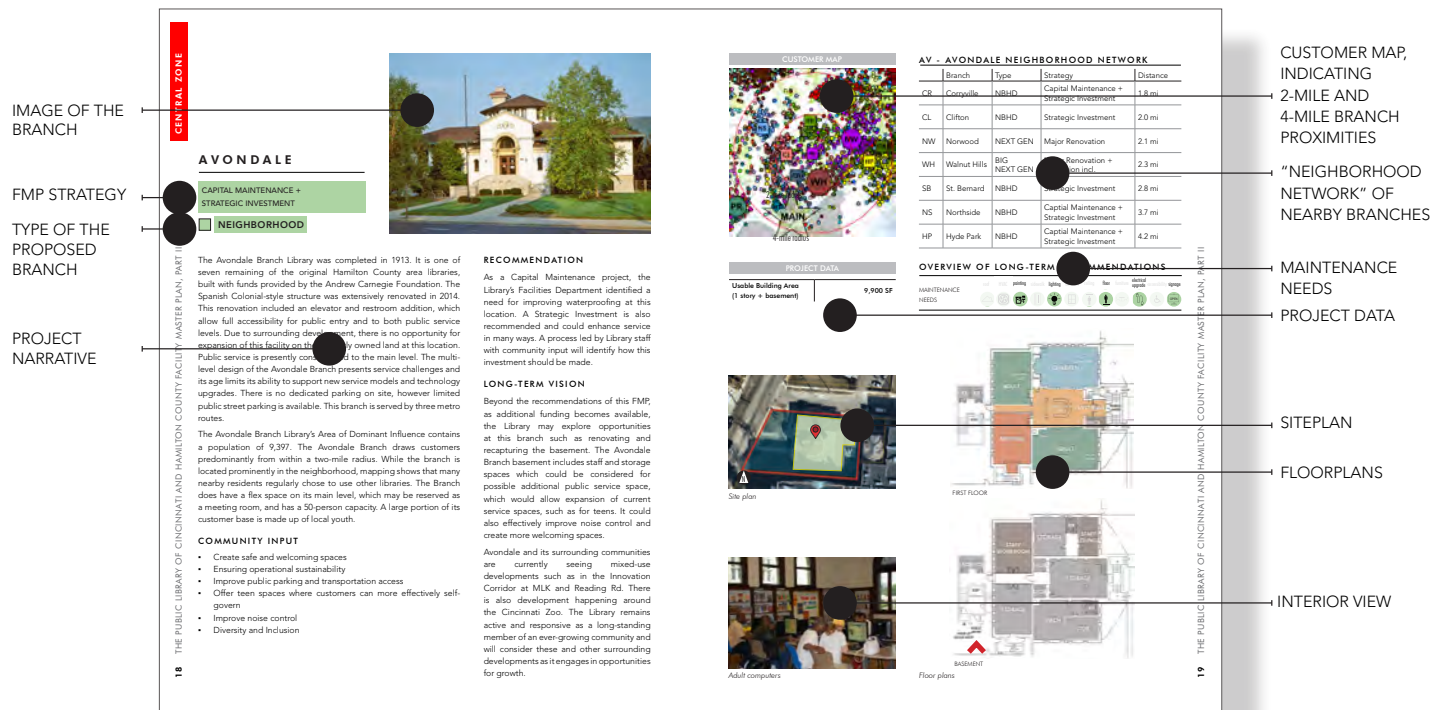


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# NORTH EAST PLANNING ZONE







## BRANCH TEMPLATE LEGEND

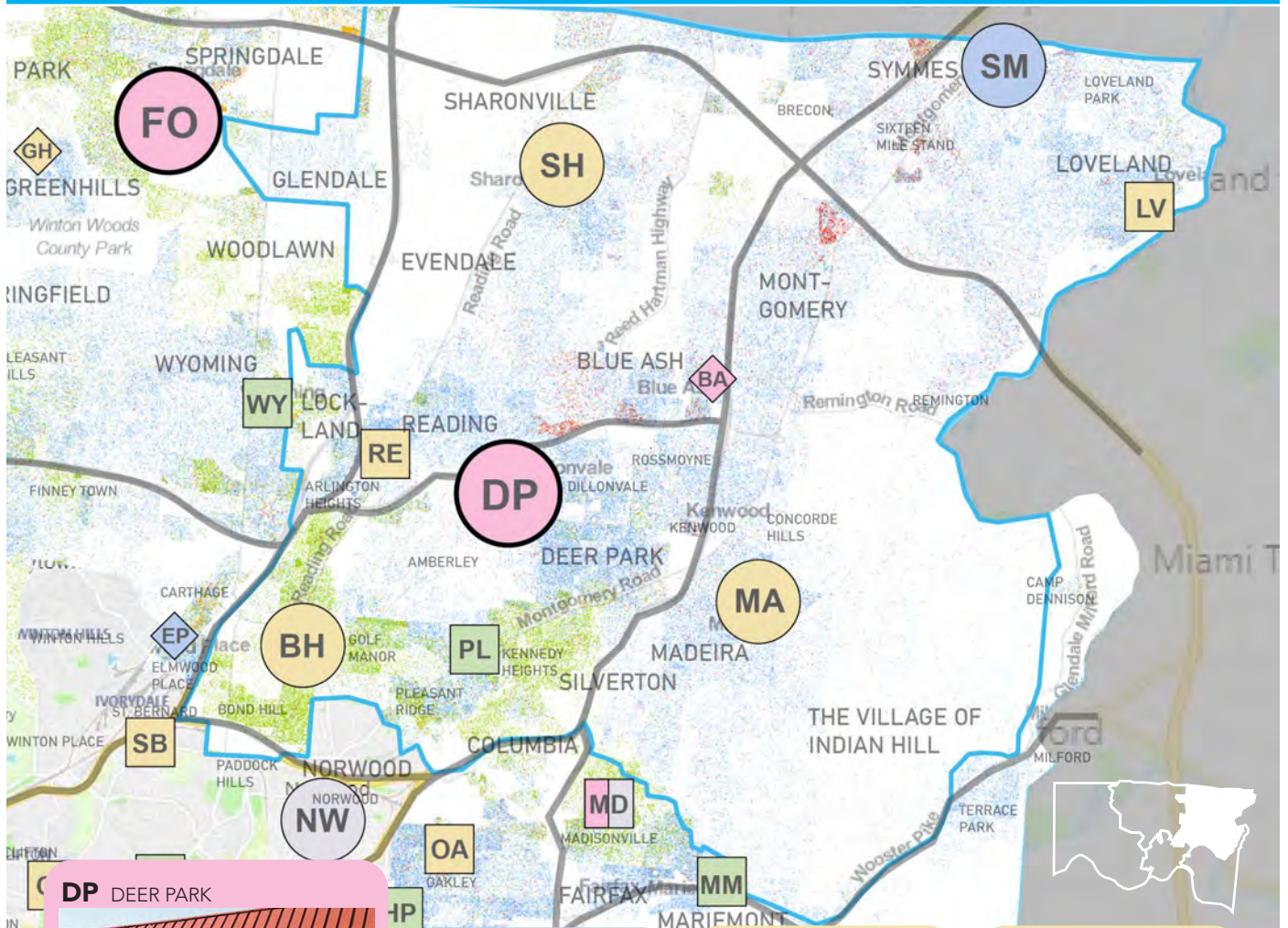
The Branch Summary sections aim to identify specific needs and opportunities for each Library facility (with the exception of the recently-completed Distribution Center). The top left corner of each branch summary spread includes a photograph of the branch, proposed FMP strategy, proposed typology, and, where applicable, whether the facility is leased. A narrative project description summarizes facility condition, findings from community engagement, facility recommendations, and long-term vision.

At the upper right of each spread, the branch is mapped as the center of its network, with travel distances indicated. An adjoining table compiles the FMP recommendations and distance of each branch in close proximity to the subject branch. This tool is useful in understanding how the Library branches interface as part of larger system.

Specific project data are also provided, such as the branch site plan, floorplans, and images of the interior space. Recommendations are made for both the interior and the exterior, as well as for capital maintenance issues that the Library Facilities Department has identified. Special focus is given to accessibility and equity.



## NORTH EAST PLANNING ZONE - SUMMARY



**DP** DEER PARK



● **BIG NEXT GEN**

replace, expanded  
to proposed  
**22,500 SF - 27,500 SF**

**SM** SYMMES TOWNSHIP



● **NEXT GEN**

makeover +  
parking expansion  
at current  
**14,960 SF**

**MA** MADEIRA



● **NEXT GEN**

strategic  
investment  
at current  
**14,600 SF**

**BH** BOND HILL



● **NEXT GEN**

strategic  
investment  
at current  
**12,910 SF**

**SH** SHARONVILLE



● **NEXT GEN**

strategic  
investment  
at current  
**12,530 SF**

**RE** READING



■ **NEIGHBORHOOD**

strategic  
investment  
at current  
**10,940 SF**

**PL** PLEASANT RIDGE



■ **NEIGHBORHOOD**

capital maintenance +  
strategic investment  
at current  
**8,850 SF**

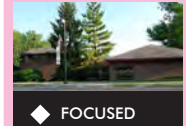
**LV** LOVELAND



■ **NEIGHBORHOOD**

strategic  
investment  
at current  
**8,990 SF**

**BA** BLUE ASH



◆ **FOCUSED**

relocation  
to proposed  
**4,500 SF-  
5,500 SF**

Planning Zone and Library		Existing Usable Square Feet	Effective Age in 2020	10 - YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS	Proposed Square Feet
BA	Blue Ash	12,114 SF	32 yrs	Relocation	4,500-5,500 SF
BH	Bond Hill	12,903 SF	13 yrs	Strategic Investment	12,910 SF
DP	Deer Park	4,014 SF	22 yrs	Replacement with New, Expanded	22,500-27,500 SF
LV	Loveland	8,989 SF	4 yrs	Strategic Investment	8,990 SF
MA	Madeira	14,597 SF	27 yrs	Strategic Investment	14,600 SF
PL	Pleasant Ridge	8,846 SF	1 yrs	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	8,850 SF
RE	Reading	10,935 SF	5 yrs	Strategic Investment	10,940 SF
SH	Sharonville	12,527 SF	28 yrs	Strategic Investment	12,530 SF
SM	Symmes Township	14,956 SF	30 yrs	Makeover + Parking Expansion	14,960 SF

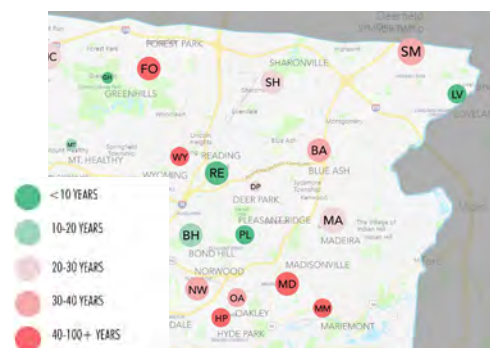
## NORTH EAST ZONE PROFILE

The North East Planning Zone has a population of 160,000 and is served by nine libraries comprising almost 100,000 square feet. Communities of this zone include Amberley, Arlington Heights, Bond Hill, Blue Ash, Brecon, Columbia, Concorde Hills, Deer Park, Dillonvale, Evendale, Golf Manor, Glendale, Highpoint, Kennedy Heights, Kenwood, Lockland, Loveland, Loveland Park, Madeira, Montgomery, Pleasant Ridge, Reading, Remington, Rossmoyne, Sharonville, Silverton, Sixteen Mile Stand, Symmes Township, and the Village of Indian Hill. Low-income households are concentrated in the southwestern part of the zone. More elderly residents live to the northeast.

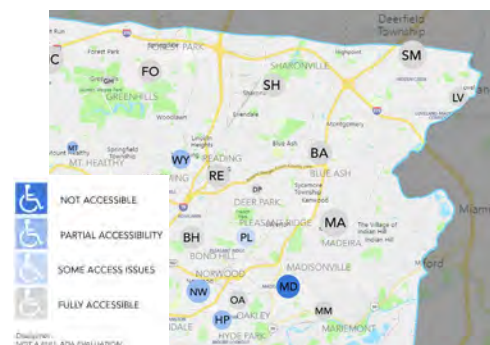
According to customer mapping analysis, North East Zone residents are well served by the current libraries – no populated areas lack library access. Even though branches such as Symmes Township and Blue Ash have not been renovated in nearly 30 years, the majority of the branches are relatively new when compared to others in the system. The North East Zone has the highest amount of library space per resident in the county (~0.63 square feet/capita), and that is the driving factor behind the Facility Master Plan recommendation to redistribute services across the zone to enable more equitable service.

Deer Park is planned to expand at its current location, becoming the zone's Big Next Generation Library. Bond Hill, Loveland, Madeira, Reading, and Sharonville are planned to retain their current sizes and undergo specific Strategic Investments to enhance certain service and/or building conditions. Blue Ash will likely be relocated to the new Summit Development and support the needs of a larger service area in a more inviting and appropriately-sized space, with more parking. Symmes will receive a major makeover and a parking expansion. Pleasant Ridge will receive both a Strategic Investment and a Capital Maintenance project.

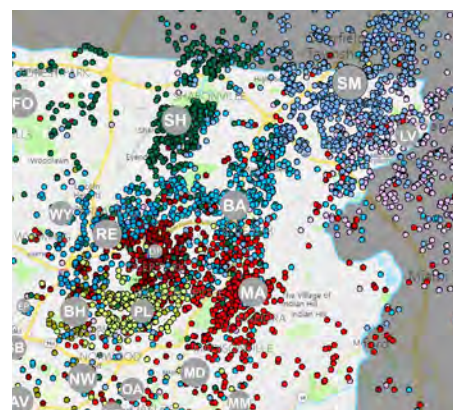
Taken together, these changes will provide a variety of updated spaces for residents of this zone and support a full range of traditional and contemporary services.



Age of Buildings: The majority of the buildings have not been renovated for a very long time



Accessibility: The majority of buildings are fully accessible except for Pleasant Ridge



Customer Mapping: Users travel and visit more than one branch in the planning zone



## BLUE ASH

### RELOCATION



### FOCUSED



The Blue Ash Branch Library was opened in June of 1964. A renovation and expansion occurred in 1987. No further significant updates have been completed since then. The Blue Ash Branch has a large amount of maintenance needs including updated lighting, windows, furniture, and electrical. Interior finishes are near the end of their useful life. The facility entrance is difficult to customers in wheel chairs or with strollers. There is not opportunity for expansion on the presently owned land parcel at this location. Parking is frequently an issue at this branch both in navigation from the street and its limited quantity. It is served by two metro routes.

The Blue Ash Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 27,044. The current meeting room has a 50-person capacity. There are no additional study rooms, technology areas, or makerspace. This branch predominantly serves customers using public computers, parents with young children visiting for kindergarten readiness activities, and some use the designated quiet area for reading and one on one tutoring.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and inclusive spaces for teens
- Increase access by improving parking and entry into the branch
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use and community partnerships

### RECOMMENDATION

As a Design Project, it is recommended that the Blue Ash Branch be relocated to a new leased or owned site. Although reusing the current site has been explored, surrounding development makes that an unlikely possibility.

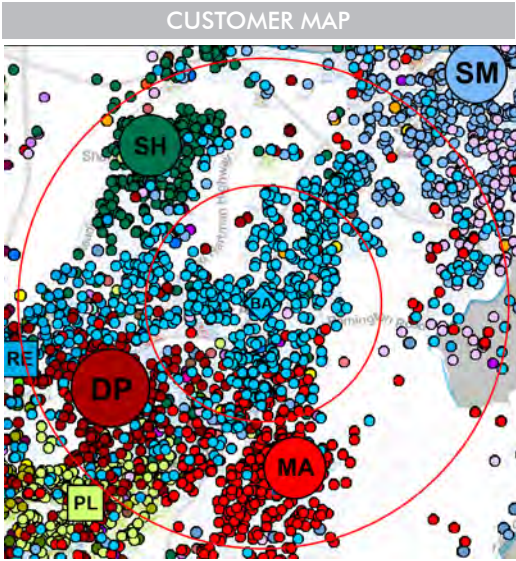
Relocating will likely allow for a more sustainable future of this branch and enable the Library to meet the stated needs of the community, such as more parking, a convenient location and a fully accessible entrance. There has been overwhelming favor for the idea of putting

a branch library in Blue Ash's recent Summit development.

### LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the library may explore opportunities at this branch such as partnerships with local organizations and creating more services for the public.

Blue Ash and its surrounding communities are seeing significant developments at the Summit. Facilities planning for the Sycamore Community School district is also taking place, as well as the Twin Lakes development in Montgomery. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Deer Park Branch is expanded into a Big Next Generation branch, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Blue Ash, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.



PROJECT DATA	
Existing Building	12,280 SF
Replacement Size	4,500 SF - 5,500 SF
Existing Site	Owned
Proposed Site	TBD



Site plan



Teens' area

### BA - BLUE ASH NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Replace, Expanded	2.6 mi
MA	Madeira	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	3.6 mi
SH	Sharonville	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	4.1 mi

### OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage



Floor plan



Adult area



## BOND HILL

### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT



NEXT GEN

LEASED



The Bond Hill Branch Library opened its current leased space at Jordan Crossing in August of 2007. It is co-located with other community services, such as the Community Action Agency (CAA), Head Start and WinMed Health Services. There have been recurring issues with customers who have difficulty finding its exact location within the large Jordan Crossing complex. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been discovered at this location. The lease situation offers limited opportunity for expansion. There is ample shared parking on site and this location is served by one metro route.

The Bond Hill Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 17,371. It currently has one meeting room with a 50-person capacity. There is no makerspace, technology area, or any study rooms. This branch predominantly serves customers who are children and teens.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

- Increase access by improving visibility of and wayfinding for the branch
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use
- Consider offering Sunday hours to offer more inclusive service

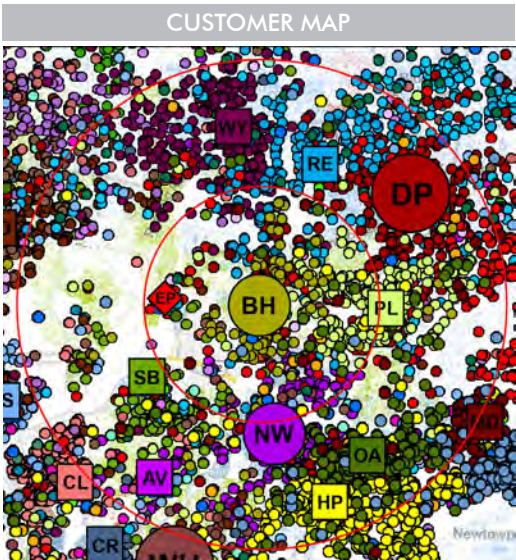
### RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Bond Hill Branch has opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process by led Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

### LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as expanding the leased square footage within Jordan Crossing to add public service space, which may include meeting and group study spaces. The head of CAA spoke with the Library Director about possible additional space to lease next to the library. This branch might also find methods of making the branch more identifiable from the street.

Bond Hill and its surrounding communities have recently seen Swifton Commons Mall and Cincinnati Gardens recently come down offering space for development in the community. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



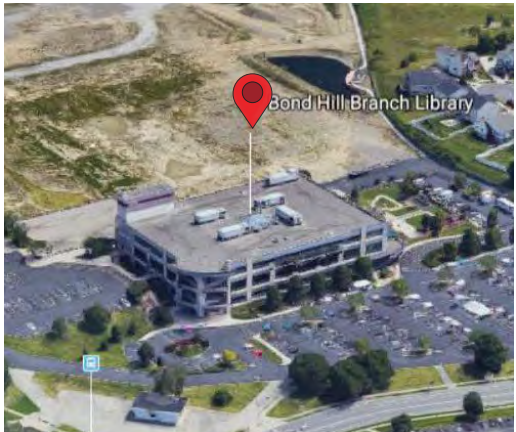
### BH - BOND HILL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
NW	Norwood	NEXT GEN	Major Renovation + Accessibility	2.4 mi
EP	Elmwood Place	FOCUSED	Makeover	2.9 mi
PL	Pleasant Ridge	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.1 mi
SB	St. Bernard	NHBD	Strategic Investment	3.2 mi
RE	Reading	NHBD	Strategic Investment	3.2 mi
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Replace, Expanded	5.3 mi

PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	12,910 SF

### OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Aerial view of the location



Floor plan



Adult area



Adult area

## DEER PARK

REPLACEMENT and EXPANSION



BIG NEXT GEN

LEASED



The Deer Park Branch Library opened its location in the Dillonvale Shopping Center in 1972. It has relocated twice in the same plaza since then, once in 1989 and again in 1997. The branch has frequent challenges with crowdedness. The community as a whole is lacking for gathering space. Although no barriers to public entry accessibility have been discovered at this location, the entrance sequence from the shared parking lot is currently a safety concern for many customers. There is opportunity for lease expansion at this location. There is a large shared parking lot at the shopping center. This branch is served by one metro route.

The Deer Park Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 19,175. Customer mapping indicates that this branch already acts as a regional destination. The current facility has no meeting rooms, group study rooms, makerspace, or technology rooms. This branch serves both quick stop customers picking up materials on hold while others extend their visits applying for jobs, playing games, using Wi-Fi access, reading, working, and studying.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and inclusive spaces for youth services
- Delineate space by activity with particular focus on increasing access to technology and social spaces for community use
- Branch design should reflect the diversity of community's culture and ages
- Consider offering Sunday hours to offer more inclusive service

### RECOMMENDATION

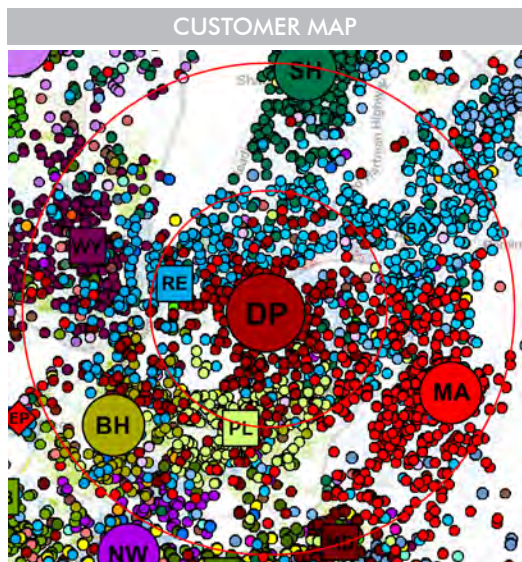
As a Design Project, it is recommended that the Deer Park Branch relocate to a larger location with expanded facilities and opportunities for diverse service, in a space close to the current branch. This branch has the potential to be a Next Generation size ranging from 20,000 SF – 25,000 SF that hosts a full range of service opportunities for community members.

### LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as future partnerships in the community and a future investment to allow an even more diverse range of service space options for the community to gather, exchange ideas, and support one another.

Deer Park and its surrounding communities are seeing development of the Blue Ash Road Corridor which aims to create a "town center" of mixed-use development and promote walkability in the city. Silverton is also under development at the corner of Montgomery and Stewart, where a large mixed-use development is nearly complete. Amberley Village is also working to develop the former golf course, Amberley Green. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.





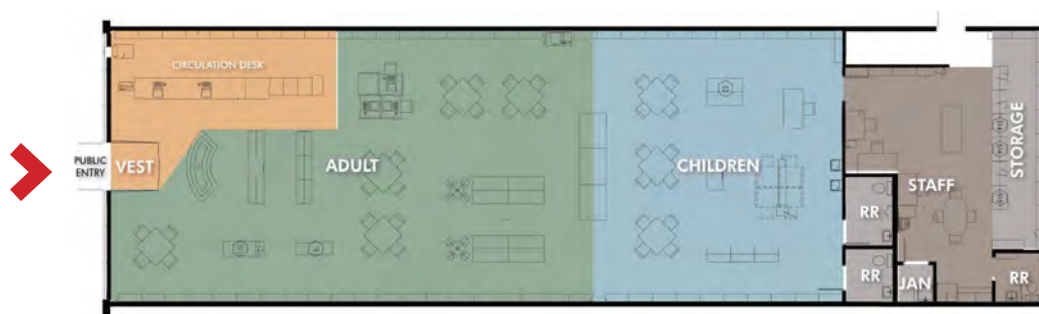
## DP - DEER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
PL	Pleasant Ridge	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	2.7 mi
RE	Reading	NHBD	Strategic Investment	3.1 mi
MA	Madeira	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	3.3 mi
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	5.3 mi

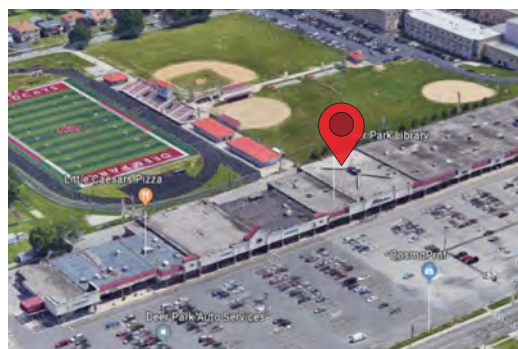
PROJECT DATA	
Existing Lease	4,105 SF
Relocation Lease	22,500 SF - 27,500 SF
Parking & Roadwork	8,000 SF
Hardscape & Landscape	5,000 SF

## OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



Floor plan



Aerial view of the location



Children's area

## LOVELAND

### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT



### NEIGHBORHOOD

### LEASED



In January of 1993, the Loveland Branch Library moved to its current leased location in the Shopper's Haven Shopping Center. In 2016, the branch underwent a renovation project into a second storefront next door. The space does still have a relatively small footprint, which makes noise control a common issue. Visibility of the branch is not obvious from the street. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been identified at this location. The lease situation offers limited opportunity for expansion at the current location. There is a shared parking lot with ample parking and the branch is also served by three metro routes.

The Loveland Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 7,151. This branch has one meeting room with a 73-person capacity and two additional group study rooms. It also houses a small makerspace. This branch serves a good number of individuals making short visits, but there are also many study groups that come in and stay for longer periods. Parents with young children frequent this branch and there is a small group of teens and adults who come to use public computers.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces and additional seating
- Increase access by improving visibility of and wayfinding for the branch
- Increase access by improving visibility of and wayfinding for the branch
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and inclusive spaces for community artwork and collections on display

### RECOMMENDATION

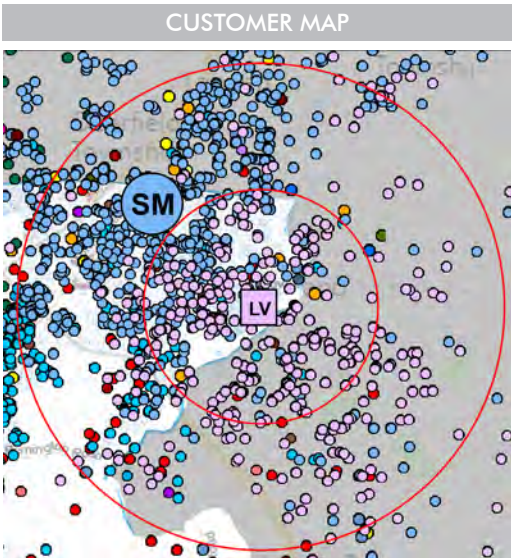
As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Loveland Branch has the opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

### LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as improving the branch's visibility in the community. The Library might also explore expanding facilities within the current lease situation, as this branch has done in the past to increase public service.

Loveland and its surrounding communities are seeing Loveland schools adding a new elementary school. There is an expansion of Historic Loveland in development and there are future plans to redevelop businesses on Loveland-Madeira Rd. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Symmes Branch, which is the Zone's Next Generation branch, receives its makeover and parking expansion, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Loveland, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.





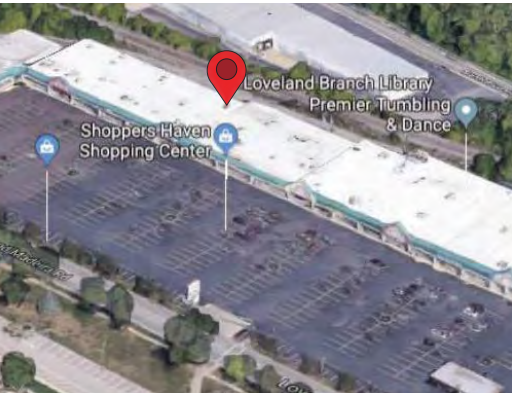
### LV - LOVELAND NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
SM	Symmes Township	NEXT GEN	Makeover + parking expansion	4.2 mi

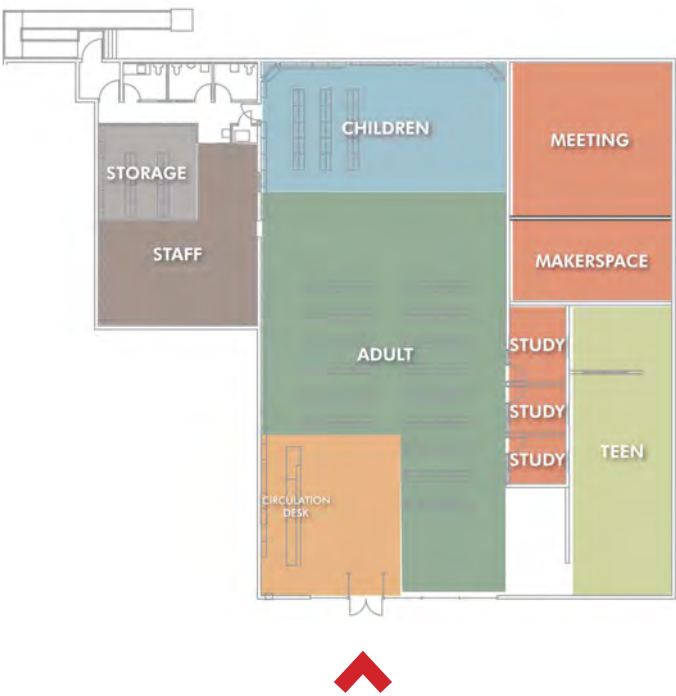
### OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												

PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	~8,990 SF



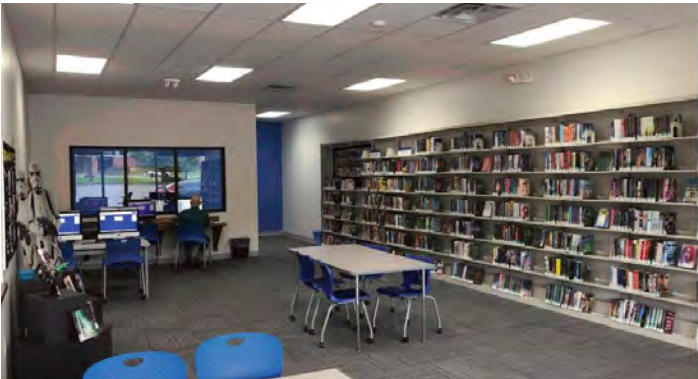
Aerial view of the location



Floor plan



Adult area



Teen space



## MADEIRA

### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT



### NEXT GEN



The Madeira Branch Library was completed and dedicated in June of 1965 and the facility design received Gold Medal by the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects. A remodeling and expansion of the branch was completed in April of 1993. The site has some complicated and challenging topography, making further expansion difficult. No barriers to public entry accessibility have been identified at this location. This branch does have a dedicated parking lot on site that is full to capacity at busy times, with additional street parking available nearby. It is also served by one metro route.

The Madeira Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 19,508. The dedicated meeting space at this location has a 62-person capacity. There are no study rooms, tech area, or makerspace. This branch predominantly serves elderly customers looking for quiet places, parents with small children, and public computer users. Tutoring groups and business meetings also regularly take place. The branch also sees very well-visited children's storytimes with parents and children staying after for additional material and socializing.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces and intentionality
- Increase access through more public parking
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use

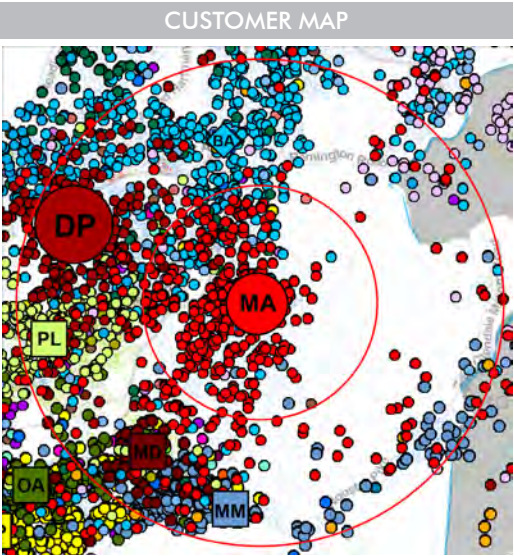
### RECOMMENDATION

As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Madeira Branch has opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

### LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as a minor expansion capturing present outdoor spaces as additional public service space, or a major renovation and reimagining of the layout of the interior. Further improvements will work to allow more noise control and create more opportunities for flexible spaces.

Madeira and surrounding communities are seeing regular new development. Some nearby developments include a new senior living facility nearby, new restaurants, and new residential properties. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



# MA - MADEIRA NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Replace, Expanded	3.1 mi
MD	Madisonville	NHBD	Major Renovation or Relocation	3.3 mi
MM	Mariemont	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.4 mi
PL	Pleasant Ridge	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.6 mi

# OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												

PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	~14,600 SF



Site plan



Floor plan



Meeting room



Adult area



## PLEASANT RIDGE

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE +  
STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD



The Pleasant Ridge Branch Library opened at its current site in 1929. In February 2012, a new entrance and elevator tower was added with modifications to make the facility public entry and both service levels fully accessible. Its multi-level design presents service challenges and the building's age limits its ability to support new service models and technology upgrades. There is very limited opportunity on the presently owned land parcel for expansion. This branch has a dedicated on-site parking lot and additional street parking is also available. It is also currently served by four metro routes.

The Pleasant Ridge Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 13,634. The Pleasant Ridge Branch meeting room has a 143-person capacity. There are no additional study rooms, tech area, or makerspace at this branch. This branch serves individuals coming in briefly to pick up holds and those who stay for longer visits, often using public computers or Wi-Fi access.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on programming, social spaces for community use, and community partnerships
- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on programming and changing daily needs
- Increase access by improving parking and entry into the branch

### RECOMMENDATION

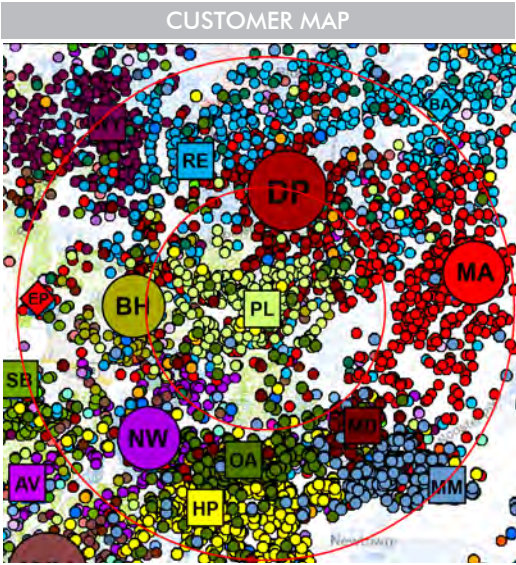
As the recipient of a Capital Maintenance Project, the Library's Facilities Department has identified that this branch is in need of exterior tuckpointing and interior painting. It is also recommended that this branch receive a Strategic Investment to improve the current facility and service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

### LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as improving parking options and reimagining function of their very large meeting room space to see if it could also be made to accommodate smaller study spaces to better serve customers through versatile space options.

Pleasant Ridge and its surrounding communities are seeing several mixed use residential and business developments. One in Pleasant Ridge on 1.25 acres at Lester and Montgomery and another in Silverton on Montgomery and Stewart. The central business district of Pleasant Ridge is seeing businesses come and go because of development in the area. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Deer Park Branch is expanded into a Big Next Generation branch, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Pleasant Ridge, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.





PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story + basement)	~8,850 SF



Site plan



Meeting room

## PL - PLEASANT RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	2.5 mi
OA	Oakley	NHBD	Strategic Investment	2.6 mi
NW	Norwood	NEXT GEN	Major Renovation + Accessibility	2.8 mi
MD	Madisonville	NHBD	Major Renovation or Relocation	3.1 mi
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Replace, Expanded	3.6 mi
RE	Reading	NHBD	Strategic Investment	4.0 mi

## OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												



FIRST FLOOR



BASEMENT

Floor plans

## READING

### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

### NEIGHBORHOOD



The Reading Branch Library was completed in June of 2015. The facility was opened as a state-of-the-art branch boasting innovative features and services. This facility is fully accessible. There may be limited opportunity for a minor expansion on the current site. This branch has a dedicated parking lot on site and it is served by one metro route.

The Reading Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 15,086. The dedicated meeting room at this branch has a 61-person capacity and it also houses 3 study rooms. The branch also has a drive-up service window. This branch serves children who visit all day during the summer and customers who just want to pick up items and leave. Other individuals come to work on projects for a couple of hours.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

- Delineate spaces for kids/teens/adults with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on social spaces for community use, community partnerships, and technology (i.e. makerspace)
- Increase access by improving layout and wayfinding in the branch

### RECOMMENDATION

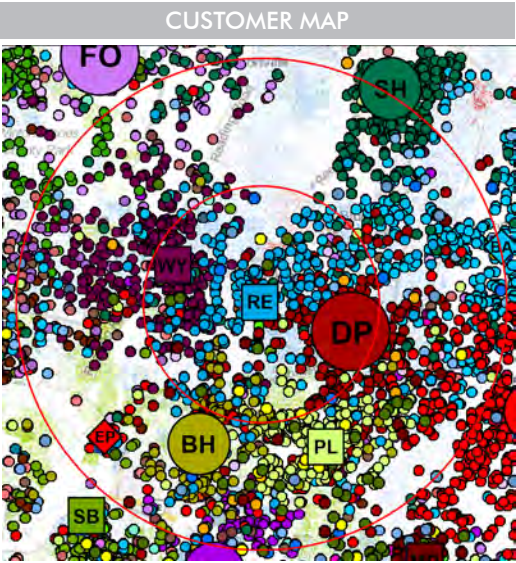
As the recipient of a Strategic Investment, the Reading Branch has opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process by led Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

### LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as expanding the footprint of the building for increased capacity or quantity of its meeting and study spaces. It may also look at renovating or rethinking the interior layout to address customer requests for designated quiet and noisy spaces.

Reading and its surrounding communities are seeing a new K-12 public school opening. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth. Once the nearby Deer Park Branch is expanded into a Big Next Generation branch, the Library will evaluate whether customer usage changes for Reading, and consider making further improvements or tailoring spaces and services based on customers' evolving needs.





PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	~10,940 SF



Site plan



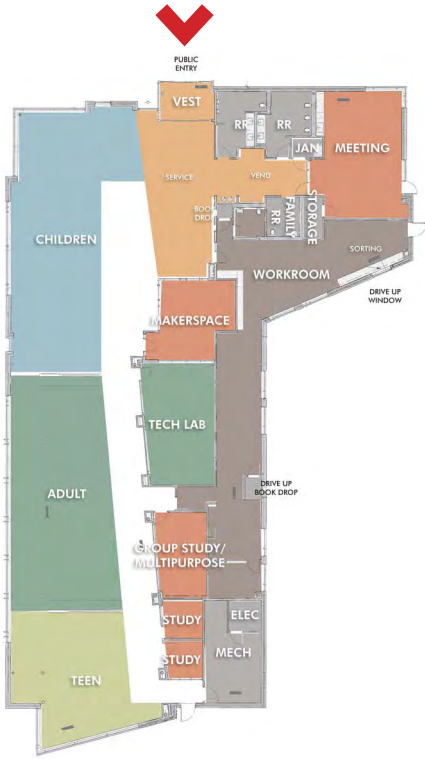
Children's area

## RE - READING NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
WY	Wyoming	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	3.0 mi
BH	Bond Hill	NEXT GEN	Strategic Investment	3.1 mi
EP	Elmwood Place	FOCUSED	Makeover	3.7 mi
PL	Pleasant Ridge	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	4.0 mi
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Replace, Expanded	5.3 mi

## OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

MAINTENANCE NEEDS	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage



Floor plan



Adult area



## SHARONVILLE

### STRATEGIC INVESTMENT



### NEXT GEN



### DESCRIPTION

The Sharonville Branch Library was completed in 1993. There have been no significant improvements to the branch since its original build. This branch is not highly visible from the roadway. The interior floor plan of the branch is somewhat awkward with disruptive acoustic properties. No barriers to accessibility of public entry have been identified at this location. There may be limited opportunity for expansion on the current site; however, complicated site topography presents challenges to expansion. The branch does have a dedicated parking lot on site and additional shared parking with the neighboring community center. There is no public transportation service to this location.

The Sharonville Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 14,633. This branch has a meeting room with a 67-person capacity, which is divisible into two meeting spaces. There are no additional group study, tech area, or makerspaces available. This branch predominantly serves regular users of public computers and those accessing Wi-Fi. Tutor groups come in frequently as well as individuals making a quick stop to pick up materials on hold.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on technology, social spaces for community use, and community partnerships
- Delineate space by activity with particular focus on designated quiet/noisy spaces
- Utilize outdoor spaces more effectively by activating outdoor spaces (i.e. adding walking paths, patio furniture, etc.)
- Noted support for operational sustainability with particular focus on green energy and LEED certification

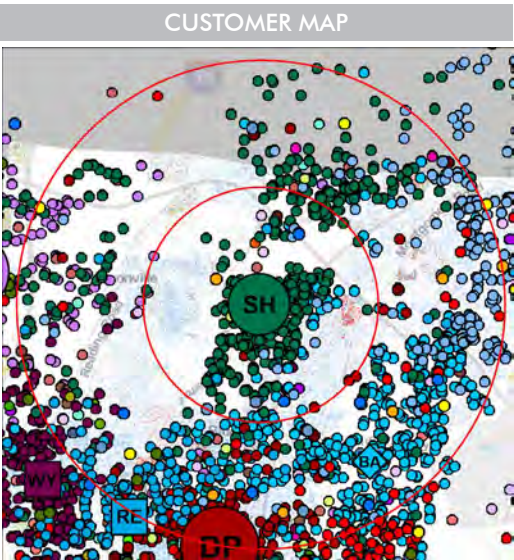
### RECOMMENDATION

As a Strategic Investment, the Sharonville Branch has opportunity to improve its existing facility and enhance service. A process led by Library staff with community input will identify how this investment should be made.

### LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch such as reimagining the internal space and improving acoustic properties as well as activating outdoor spaces at the branch for more customer use. Where possible, there will be exploration of creating more diverse service spaces as well. The neighboring Community Center & Pool may present opportunities for future partnership as well.

Sharonville and its surrounding communities are seeing the city of Sharonville working on a comprehensive plan called Sharonville 2030 which is focusing on connectivity within the community. Princeton City Schools is also looking to develop. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.



# SH - SHARONVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
DP	Deer Park	BIG NEXT GEN	Replace, Expanded	5.3 mi
WY	Wyoming	NHBD	Capital Maintenance + Strategic Investment	6.1 mi
RE	Reading	NHBD	Strategic Investment	6.4 mi

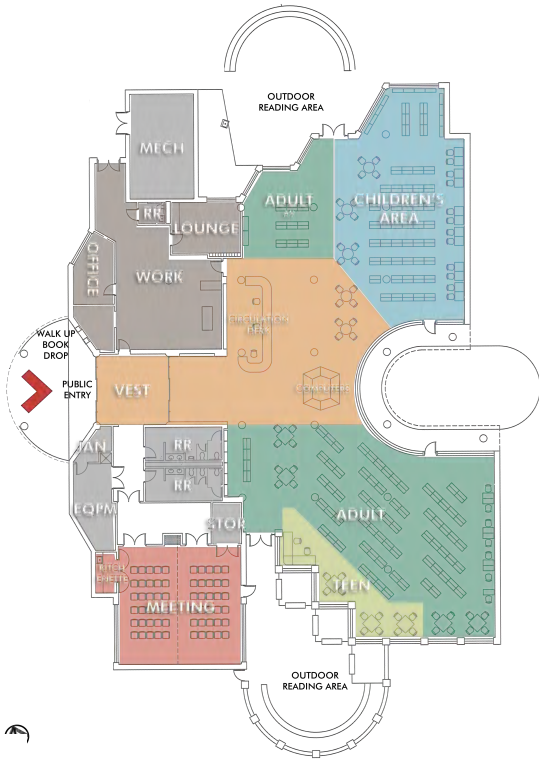
## OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS



PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area (1 story)	~12,530 SF



Site plan



Floor plan



Meeting room



Adult area

## SYMMES TOWNSHIP

MAKEOVER + PARKING EXPANSION



NEXT GEN



The Symmes Township Branch Library opened for service in February of 1991. No significant improvements have been made to the branch since then. Although for the most part a functional building, the interior layout of the branch can be difficult to navigate and access can be challenging. These factors along with its dated lighting, windows, furniture, and electric make it a perfect candidate for a makeover. There is significant opportunity on site for expansion. A dedicated parking lot exists on site; however, it has been commented that parking is frequently used to capacity and is somewhat awkward in arrangement and navigation to the main public entry. There is no public transportation currently serving this branch.

The Symmes Township Branch Library's Area of Dominant Influence contains a population of 25,007. Customer mapping indicates that the facility acts as a regional branch for the Library. This branch houses a 100-person capacity meeting room, which can be divided into two meeting spaces and has two additional group study rooms. This branch predominantly serves caregivers with children, tutors and students, and families. Regular customers also come in to get books and movies or to read daily newspapers.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

- Develop dynamic, engaging, and flexible spaces with particular focus on youth services and social spaces for community use
- Improve accessibility through increased public parking, activating outdoor space, lighting, furniture, and reconsidering holds experience
- Noted support for drive-thru window

### RECOMMENDATION

As a Design Project, it is recommended that the Symmes Township Branch receive a major interior renovation, small addition, and parking expansion on the existing site. The interior should be rethought to optimize wayfinding and accessibility and build upon exterior views already present. If possible, the branch should look at adding a service window or drive-thru book drop and possibly additional meeting and

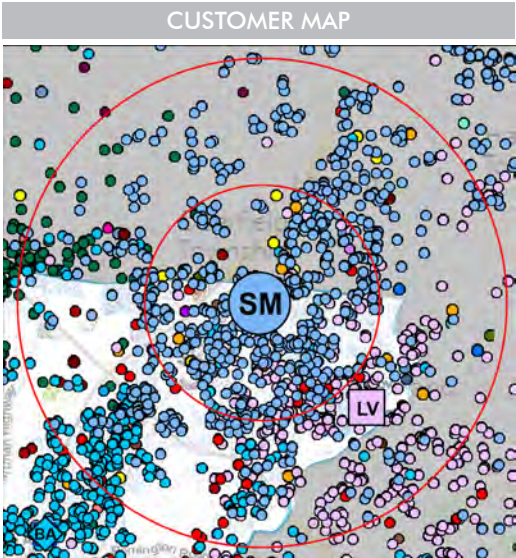
study rooms. These improvements will allow for improved efficiency to branch function and customer satisfaction.

### LONG-TERM VISION

Beyond the recommendations of this FMP, as additional funding becomes available, the Library may explore opportunities at this branch. It will continue to serve as a destination in this region. It should serve both quick and convenient trips for locals who need efficient service as well as an opportunity space to gather and meet and glean from resources both in the collections and in-person at this branch. The branch will develop in ways that are dynamic and versatile to meet changing needs of the community.

Symmes Township and its surrounding communities are seeing small developments such as that at Mead Park in the creation of a Story Walk. The Library remains active and responsive as a long-standing member of an ever-growing community and will consider these and other surrounding developments as it engages in opportunities for growth.





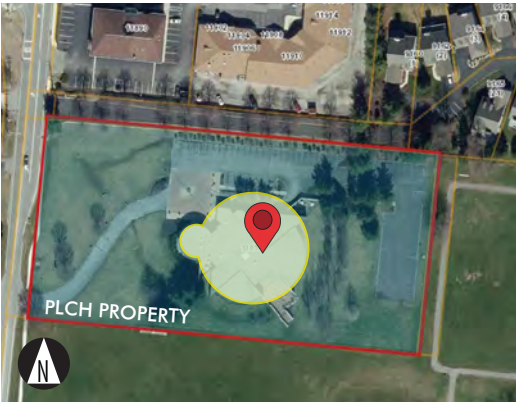
### SM - SYMMES TSP NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

	Branch	Type	Strategy	Distance
LV	Loveland	NHBD	Strategic Investment	4.2 mi

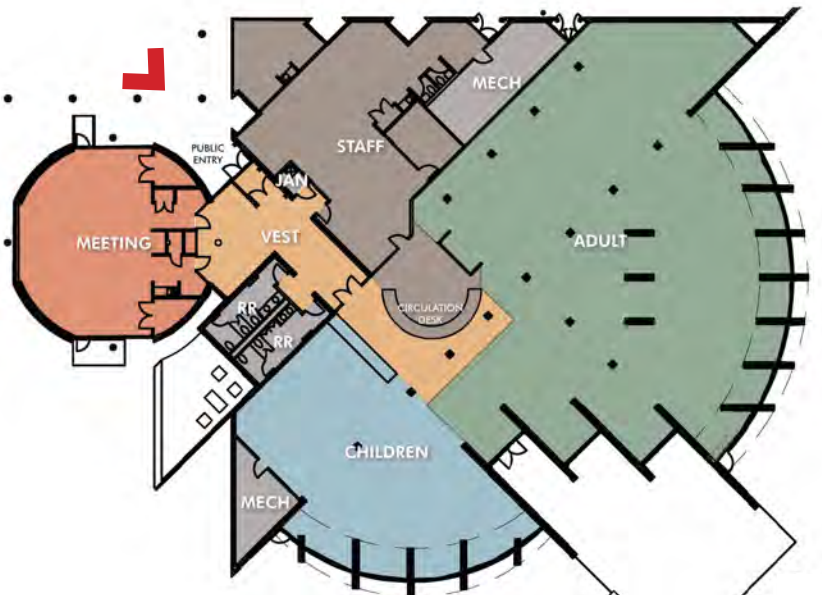
### OVERVIEW OF LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

	roof	HVAC	painting	sidewalk	lighting	windows	ceiling	floor	furniture	electrical upgrade	accessibility	signage
MAINTENANCE NEEDS												

PROJECT DATA	
Usable Building Area	14,960 SF
Existing Site	166,150 SF
Parking	30,000 SF
Hardscape	4,995 SF
Landscape	114,505 SF



Site plan



Floor plan



Meeting room



Adult area



Anderson



Oakley



Mt. Washington





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