

## Delmar Public Library Building News

### History

1983: The Library's Board of Commissioners presented the newly constructed Library at the corner of Bi-State Boulevard and Grove Street to the community.

1990: Having outgrown its space, the Library adds a Children's area, a reference room, and the Hayman Meeting Room.

2006: **Space Needs Assessment** is completed by Himmel and Wilson, Library Consultants.

2006: Library's Board of Commissioners obtains property adjacent to the Library along Grove Street.

2007: Himmel and Wilson complete **A Building Program for the Delmar Public Library**.

2008: Library's Board of Commissioners obtains property adjacent to the Library along Jewel Street.

2010: Library's Board of Commissioners issue RFP for architectural and engineering services.

2011: Library's Board of Commissioners selects Becker Morgan Group as architect for the project.

October 2012: Library's Board of Commissioners hires fundraising consultants Building in the Spirit to advise and raise necessary funds to complete the building project.

November 2012: Library's Board of Commissioners signs contract with the Becker Morgan Group.

December 2012: Becker Morgan Group representatives and members of the Library's construction committee meet to discuss assignable space for the Library.

April 2013: First set of schematic drawings issued.

May 2013: Public invited to review first set of architectural renderings for feedback and comment.

May 2013: Becker Morgan representatives and Library staff submit zoning requests to the Town of Delmar. Soil tests and other permits and tests are completed.

June 2013: Building in the Spirit convenes first meeting of fundraising Steering/Advisory committee.

September 2013: Construction RFPs released.

October 2013: Construction companies interviewed as response to RFP.

December 2013: Whiting Turner Construction selected for project.

2013 and 2014: Major Donor gifts are awarded:

- Longwood Foundation
- Welfare Foundation
- Crystal Trust
- The Arthur Perdue Foundation
- Delaware Community Foundation
- The Bank of Delmarva
- The Laffey-McHugh Foundation
- M&T Bank

With the support of the Council on Libraries, the Delaware Division of Libraries, the Delaware Department of State, and the Delaware State Legislature, the Delmar Public Library has been awarded financial support that will reimburse approved expenditures incurred by the Library in the construction process up to 50%. State of Delaware Bond Bill Funding awards:

- FY13: \$325,000
- FY14: \$500,000
- FY15: \$875,000

October 2014: Library holds groundbreaking with DE Secretary of State Bullock and other dignitaries.

October 2014: Library moves to 38481 Sussex Highway as a temporary home during construction.

October/November 2014: Construction cost estimates increase; project is delayed.

March 2015: USDA Community Facilities Loan application process begins.

March 2015: Whiting Turner Construction contract dissolved, due to USDA requirements.

April 2015: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Delmar Public Library celebrated at Open House.

May 2015: NCALL approved bridge loan financing.

November 2015: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner/Dance celebration with the Fabulous Hubcaps held at Wicomico Youth and Civic Center.

December 2015: NCALL extends period of approval for bridge loan financing.

January 2016: Dine Out for Delmar Library @ Applebee's.

February 2016: Dine Out for Delmar Public Library Beef and Dumpling Dinner @ Delmar VFW Post 8276.

March 2016: Dine Out for Delmar Public Library @ Hardee's.

March 2016: USDA application complete and submitted.

April 2016: Laurel Star article: "Delmar Public Library continues raising for Capital Campaign."

April 2016: Dine Out for Delmar Public Library @ Buffalo Wild Wings.

April 2016: Community Leadership Group holds inaugural meeting.

May 2016: Dine Out for Delmar Public Library @ The Greene Turtle.

May 2016: Greater Delmar Chamber of Commerce Mixer hosted by the Delmar Public Library @ The Old Mill.

June 2016: Quarter Auction for Delmar Public Library @ the Delmar VFW.

August 2016: USDA issues letter of commitment to the project for \$2m for long-term financing, if needed.

September 2016: Local business, Crystal Steel Fabricators, donate in support of the project.

September 2016: Delmar Public Library requests \$500,000 in FY 18 bond bill funding from DE Council on Libraries. Request is approved by the Council and submitted to the Department of State via the DE Division of Libraries. Request will remain pending until approved and included in the State budget on June 30, 2017.

October 2016: Construction project rebid.

November 2016: Crystal Trust issues second grant in support of the project.

November 2016: The Fabulous Hubcaps perform at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center fundraiser.

December 2016: Marmot Foundation issues grant in support of the project.

December 2016: Delmar Public Library Commission settles bridge loan financing with NCALL for \$3.5m.

January 2017: Flapjack Fundraiser for Delmar Public Library @ Applebee's.

February 2017: Dine Out for Delmar Public Library @ Hardee's.

February 2017: USDA concurs with selection of Richard Y Johnson and Son Inc. for the project.

March 2017: Dine Out for Delmar Public Library @ The Greene Turtle.

April 2017: Dine Out for Delmar Public Library @ Chipotle.

April 2017: Delmar High School Culinary Club hosts a Spaghetti Dinner for Delmar Public Library.

May 2017: Quarter Auction for Delmar Public Library @ the Delmar VFW.

October 2017: "Murder on Sunset Boulevard" Dinner Theater with Foot Light Productions.