

What to expect from the new space?

As the county continues to grow and change, so too has the need for a more modern, library that serves as a true community resource center.



Among the new amenities, the new library and community center will provide:

- A bright, spacious children's room.
- A dedicated safe space for teens to study and gather after school.
- Private rooms for individuals and small groups for tutoring and adult literacy programs.
- An area for technology instruction, and innovation.
- An internet café staffed by people with special needs.
- A garden where people can learn about nutrition and the importance of agriculture.
- A local history section with improved access to historical and genealogical collections.
- A community gallery/hall that highlights the region's culture via rotating art, agriculture, history, industry, and other exhibits.



How will the new library and community center benefit residents of Pamlico County?

Experience has shown that money invested in libraries and community centers builds stronger, more resilient communities.

- Boosts literacy rates among children and adults.
- Increases property values and business revenues.
- Promotes social interaction across generations and socio-economic groups.
- Offers equal access to resources.



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A New Pamlico County Public Library and Community Center



Why do we need a new library and community center?

The only public library serving the county is co-located in the Pamlico County High School. By 2025, when the school is razed for a new complex, the public library space will be eliminated. Over 8,000 of the county's 13,000 residents and many businesses, routinely use library services for everything from reading, searching the internet, employment searches and training. Free internet access is particularly important since about 30% of the county is without internet service and many households cannot afford service.

How can you help make the new library a reality?

Although we are close to our fundraising goal, costs continue to rise. You can help to make this vision a reality. Donate via: cash, checks, credit card, PayPal, and stock/securities. Visit PamlicoFOL.org/donate for more information. Cash or checks should be made payable to and sent to Friends of the Pamlico County Public Library, 603 Main Street, Bayboro, NC 28515.



The Friends of the Pamlico County Public Library (FOL) is a 501c3 organization whose mission is to enhance and enrich services offered by the Pamlico County Public Library. FOL is leading the development of a new library and community center using space and adding on to an abandoned building in Alliance, NC. Upon completion the new 10,000 square foot space will house a 36,000-item (and growing) collection of books, recordings, computers, and more, and meet the needs of a growing and changing community. Planned amenities include:

- A common space and individual meeting rooms.
- Technology resources such as computers and internet access.
- A business center to encourage and support economic growth.
- Multi-generational reading rooms.
- An internet café that provides opportunities for job skill training for people with special needs.

The library's design uses energy efficient technologies, and it will function as a welcome haven during emergencies such as hurricanes.



Floor Plan of the New Pamlico Public Library