



SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM

2020-2021 LIBRARIES TRANSFORM GRANT APPLICATION FORM

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City:	Moundridge

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#### NARRATIVE

**1. Describe the program/project and how it will address the grant objectives and key messages:**

**Grant objectives are (1) to increase awareness and support for transforming the local library, (2) to further the perception of the library as essential to the community and (3) to energize library advocates to influence local, state and national decision-makers. Key messages are (1) Libraries transform lives, (2) Libraries transform communities, (3) Libraries are community centers for lifelong learning and (4) Libraries are a smart investment.**

The Moundridge Public Library has served the community as a place of reading, personal development and life-long learning since 1967. The current facility has been the library's home since the mid 1970s. Over the years the library has extended its offerings to include materials checkout, Wifi and Computer usage, and children's and adult programming. We have seen a 300% growth in programming attendance and increased usage of the library over the last four years. Space is strained in the current building, and this has limited our ability to serve the community with fresh and vital programming. As our community has grown and services have evolved, we recognize the need for additional space in order to continue to meet the needs of the community.

In 2021 the Moundridge Public Library will undertake the renovation of a newly purchased facility. This new facility will offer a significant increase in space to meet the needs of our growing community. This additional space will give expanded access to technology, give the community's youth a meeting space, and a dedicated youth literacy and enrichment area. This transformation of the library is a smart investment for the community as it has the ability to impact the education and recreation of Moundridge youth for years to come.

This project meets the criteria for the Libraries Transform Grant by transforming part of a former church into a literacy commons for youth with easy-to-reach shelving, collaboration and innovation area, as well as an early literacy area. Providing a transformation that will give youth more of an opportunity to interact, learn, be creative and innovate within the library's facility. We consider our project in two parts, based on the distinct spaces.

The first part of our project focuses on access to literature. The former sanctuary will be transformed into a literacy hub with easy-to-reach shelving, comfortable child-size seating, and interactive learning and sensory furnishings. There will be distinct spaces for young adult, juvenile, and early readers to promote literacy and independence in learning and reading.

The second part of the project focuses on building a youth learning space for interaction, creativity, and innovation. The former fellowship hall will be transformed into a community meeting room where literacy programs, maker and STEAM programs, and other community and collaborative events will take place. Our plans call for additional seating, tables, maker-space storage and materials, and interactive technology. Once complete, the community meeting room will support learners from birth to age 18 with activities ranging from story time, to maker and builder programs, to esports.

Investing in the library's commitment to the community's youth, technology, and literacy is a smart investment for a growing community. We expect to see increased patronage after the expansion and transformation of the library; similar to what was seen between 2016 to 2020. During that same time frame Moundridge has seen a return of \$3.69 for every dollar invested in the library (ALA ROI calculator). We expect to see similar economic returns in the future as well as educational and social returns with increased community cohesion, reading readiness, interest in STEAM careers, and college readiness.



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**2. Describe and provide the timeline for the program/project.**

**Project must be completed prior to December 31, 2021:**

The library plans on acquiring the facility in January 2021, with renovations beginning spring of 2021. The furnishing and set up of the youth literacy commons and community room expected in Fall 2021, with a Grand opening of the library in December 2021.

"Lib CIP" in question 3c refers to Capital Improvement unbudgeted fund and Public Donations via McPherson County Community Foundation.

**3a. What is the estimated total cost of the program/project?**

\$48,605

**3b. What is the amount of local matching funds available as of January 1, 2021?**

\$25,000

**3c. What is the source of local matching funds available as of January 1, 2021?**

Library Capital Improvement Fund

**3d. What is the amount of matching fund request form SCKLS?**

\$24,300





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**4. Describe how the SCKLS grant funds will be used:**

The SCKLS grant funds will be used to purchase the shelving, seating, interactive learning displays, collaborative furnishings and technology for use in the children s and young adult section and community room.

**5. Provide quotes or estimates for specific services, staff, equipment or furnishings for which the grant will be used. Costs will not be considered for grant funding unless specific documentation is provided. Documentation must correspond to costs identified in Question 4:**

Project estimates are attached. Quotes and carts are included in additional files

*Note: See Moundridge Quotes .pdf*



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#### **NARRATIVE cont'd**

**6. Describe and provide a timeline for how you will acknowledge and publicize the SCKLS Libraries Transform Grant. Copies of recognition documentation including acknowledgements and publications must be submitted to SCKLS prior to December 31, 2021.**

The SCKLS Libraries Transform Grant will be acknowledged and publicized in the library press releases about the project sent to our local newspaper, The McPherson Ledger, and all advertisements or publications about the project on Facebook, Instagram, and the library's website. This grant will also be acknowledged at the grand opening of the library in the press releases and gift acknowledgements.

**7. Attach additional files supporting your application here as well as any additional information you wish to include:**

[https://fs26.formsite.com/vMYhnT/files/f-7-71-7651109\\_I0bkv8vJ\\_Libraries\\_Transform\\_Carts.pdf](https://fs26.formsite.com/vMYhnT/files/f-7-71-7651109_I0bkv8vJ_Libraries_Transform_Carts.pdf)  
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#### **CONDITIONS**

**Applicant must meet with the SCKLS Director prior to submitting grant application.**

**If applicant is a school library, school library services must be administered by a licensed school library media specialist in compliance with Kansas Administrative Regulation 91-31-32(c) (9) (e) Library Services.**

**The Minimum amount of matching grant request is \$5,000 and the maximum amount is \$25,000.**

**The primary purpose and costs associated with this grant application cannot be for projects or programs to repair or maintain for roof, heating/ventilation, electrical or other building infrastructure.**

**The costs identified in this grant application cannot not/will not be duplicated in the applicant's other program/project funding or in applications for other SCKLS grant programs during 2021.**

**Award of the Libraries Transform Grant does not exclude an applicant member library from eligibility for other SCKLS grants subject to respective SCKLS grant guidelines.**



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Application does not guarantee award. SCKLS reserves the right to not award or to partially award any application. Award may vary depending on the availability of grant funds from SCKLS and upon number and amounts of qualified grant applications from member libraries. If program/project completion prior to December 31, 2021 is contingent upon full award by SCKLS, applicant must disclose below if partial grant award is acceptable or not acceptable.

Indicate one only:

Applicant acknowledges that full grant award by SCKLS is required for the program/project to be completed and that partial grant award is not acceptable.

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Applicant is responsible for informing SCKLS in writing of any significant changes in the application and providing supporting documentation in a timely manner to SCKLS about any significant changes detailed in the application. Non-compliance with any detail or condition described in this application may result in the applicant library forfeiting its eligibility for any future SCKLS grants for a period up to three years. SCKLS will provide the applicant with written notice and request for compliance should forfeiture be considered.

Applicant Acceptance and Acknowledgement

Librarian/Director

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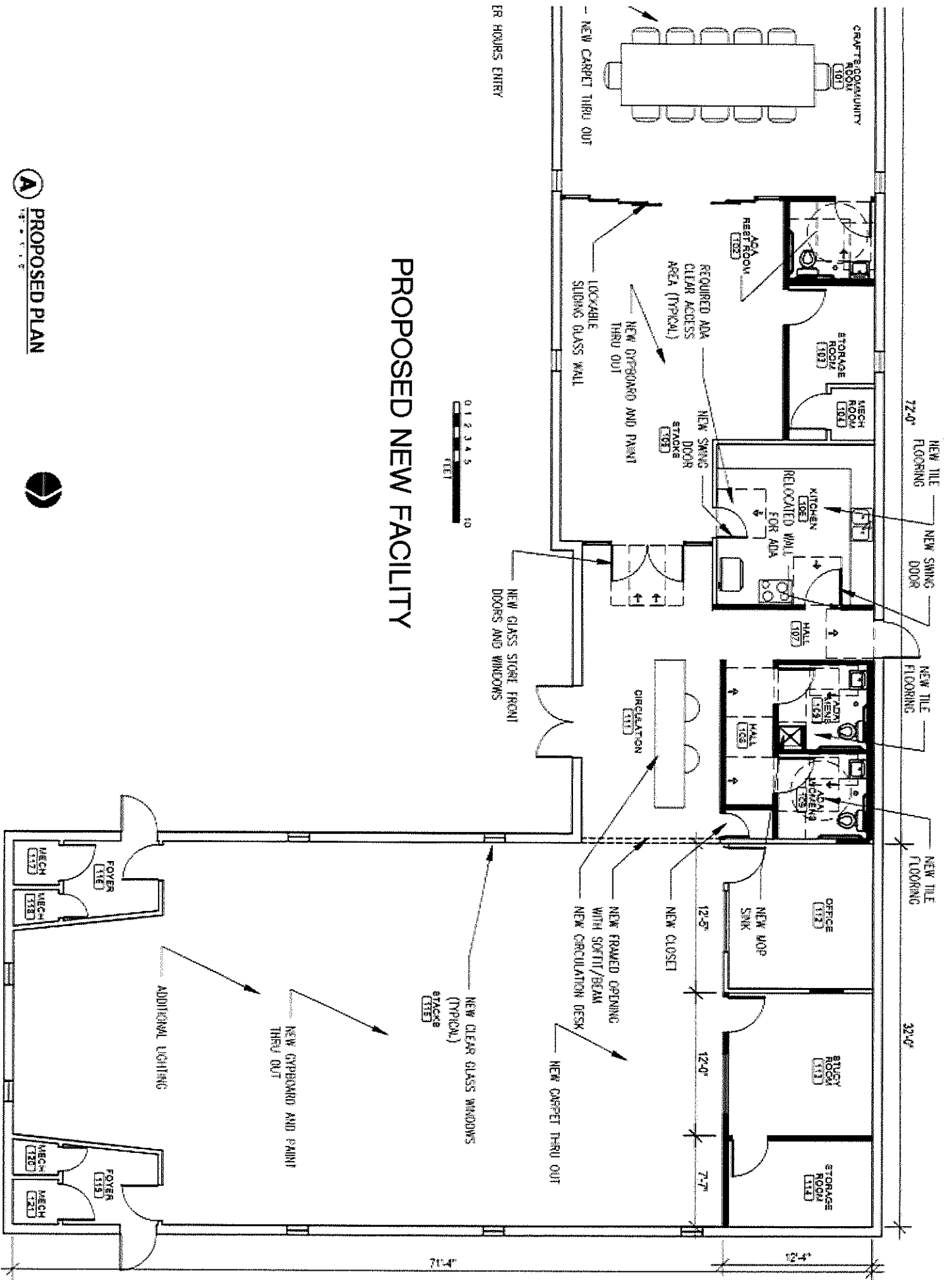
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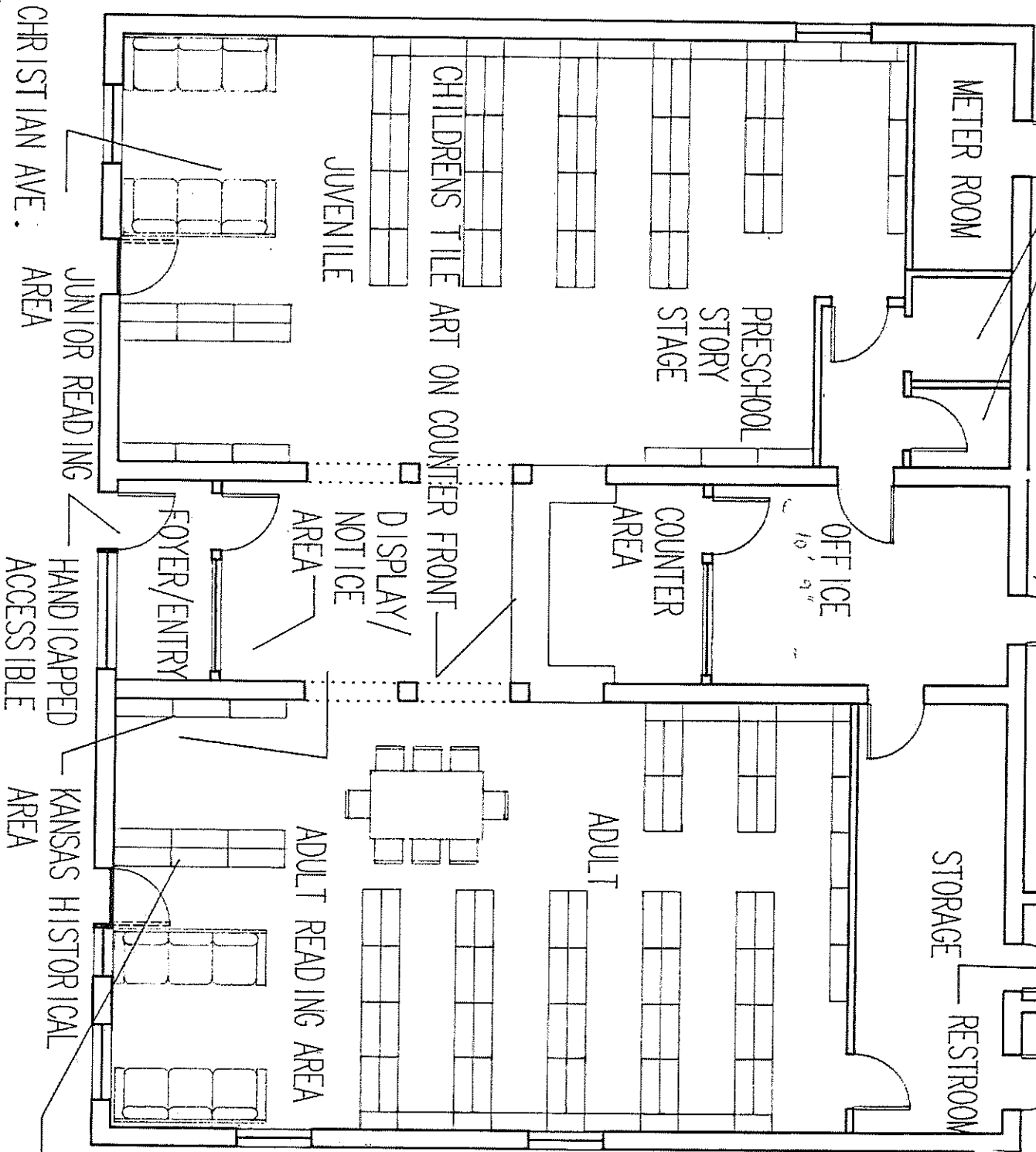


# PROPOSED NEW FACILITY



RESIDUUMS 19' x 5' = 57' x 21' = 58' x 9'

(HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE)



CURRENT FACILITY

MOUND RIDGE

LIBRARY



14'

CHRISTIAN AVE.

JUNIOR READING AREA

FOYER/ENTRY  
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

KANSAS HISTORICAL AREA

PERIODICALS

JUVENILE

CHILDRENS TILE

ART ON COUNTER FRONT

ADULT READING AREA

ADULT

PRESCHOOL STORY STAGE

COUNTER AREA

OFF OFFICE 10' x 9'

STORAGE

RESTROOM

METER ROOM

From 03. A measurement of grandstand (consider)

Prairie Works Designs  
(a collaboration of architecture & ceramics)  
Box 141 RR 2

16' x 23' = 48' (inside measurement)