Imagine Reindahl: Community Conversations

About

Madison Public Library is planning a new library and community facility at Reindahl Park. The proposed “Reindahl Imagination Center” will not be an ordinary library. It will be a transformational space designed and directed by the northeast Madison community.

The Reindahl Imagination Center will be a place for the community to gather and learn. It will be a safe place for social interaction, civic engagement, and cultural expression. The center will focus on holistic health and expanding economic opportunities for library visitors.

The story of the Reindahl Imagination Center is yet to be written. What kind of center do you want to see in your neighborhood? What types of services does your community need? Who should Madison Public Library partner with at the Reindahl Imagination Center?

Conversations are currently taking place to shape the future of the Reindahl Imagination Center. We want you to be part of those conversations.

Tell Us

Library staff is engaging the Reindahl area in conversations to better understand the northeast community. This is an opportunity for you to share your hopes for the new library, including prospective amenities and services. Help us grow your “community wish list.” To help foster dialogue, Madison Public Library will schedule:

- Park visits in Reindahl Park - starting summer of 2019
- Interviews with residents, service providers, businesses, and stakeholders
- Events at local schools, faith communities, community centers, and assisted living facilities
- Community conversations at neighborhood restaurants and organizations
- Planning exercises in middle and high school classrooms
- Guided conversations with Local Voices Network (LVN) in collaboration with Madison Public Library

Translation services and other support will be available.

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If you want to receive these reports, please email: kenglebert@madisonpubliclibrary.org.

If you do not have an email address, call Kevin Englebert to have a written copy of the report mailed to you.

The “Imagine Reindahl” Plan will be created in advance of the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan process. The plan will include:

- Demographics of the Reindahl service area and neighborhoods
- Existing plan recommendations, including comprehensive plan goals, neighborhood plans, and other private/foundation plan objectives
- Overview of the community engagement process
- Community engagement results and “community wish list”
- Location maps of existing service providers and access to the facility, including bus stops, bike paths, and other planned improvements
- Timeline of the project, including design and construction
- Draft plan by spring of 2020 and final by the summer of 2020

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