

## *Why Build and Renovate?*

What is the role of the library in today's world? You may have read that the internet and ebooks are making libraries irrelevant. But in reality the Demmer is being used more than ever for not only reading materials but access to digital technology. Our community is enjoying more programs and classes at the Demmer. It is used for a community gathering place for entertainment and life-long learning.

- Reading materials in all formats
- Access to digital technology
- Classes and programs
- Community Gathering Place
- Entertainment
- Lifelong Learning

Since the last addition to the building in 1986:

- Volumes have increased 62%
- Circulation has increased 86%
- The widespread use of electronic resources has become a reality

In the last year:

- Number of Library Visits has increased 20%
- Attendance at Programs has increased 23%
- Children registered in the Summer Reading has increased 143%

With this high level of service demand, the Library Board began to discuss the limitations imposed by the building itself. The collection has outgrown the space available.



The building is not fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Maintenance of an aging structure has resulted in a patchwork of fixes.

