

Why a New Library?

For several years, the Library Board of Trustees and library patrons have talked about the need for more space. At about 9,000 square feet, the facility is often busting at the seams with people. Library patrons wait in line to check out materials, the Video/DVD section is widely used and public-access computers are busy most every day.

The city has been growing at a fairly strong pace for more than 20 years. The Census Bureau estimates that Derby has a population of 21,101 now and projects the population to reach 25,000 around 2018 and top 31,000 in 2030.

Standards for public libraries in Kansas indicate that a city of Derby's current size should have a library between 12,600 and 21,200 square feet. The current library of 9,000 square feet is smaller than the standards recommend for a city with a population half our size. The standards also indicate that cities with a population of more than 25,000 should have a library somewhere between 21,200 and 58,000 square feet.

Who Developed This Proposal?

In 2006, the City Council established a Library Design Committee to determine the needs and desires of the community, including comments and ideas from the public. That citizen committee considered the standards and the population projections for the city and agreed that a new library should be designed to handle the city's growth for the next 20 to 25 years. So, the design committee recommended a building that is 36,620 square feet. The City Council accepted the committee's report, knowing that these citizen volunteers had put a great deal of time and effort into the planning.

Proposed Enhancements

- Larger computer room
- Community meeting room
- Room for more books & materials
- Space for teen activities, children's reading programs & special events
- Private and/or group study space
- Genealogy research area
- Pick-up/drop-off window

PUBLIC LIBRARY PROPOSAL

Look inside for
the facts about
a proposed new
library in Derby
before you vote
on October 16th!

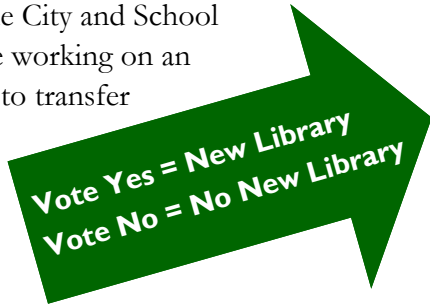




On June 12, 2007 the Derby City Council voted to hold a special election on October 16 for registered voters in Derby to decide whether a new library should be built. It would be financed using a half-cent sales tax to begin after the aquatic park half-cent sales tax ends, likely in 2010.

Where Would It Go?

The location currently being considered is a portion of the lot owned by USD 260 at the corner of Walnut Grove and Sumac, just east of Tanglewood Elementary School. The City and School District are working on an agreement to transfer the land to the City if voters approve the project on October 16.



The Ballot Question:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the City of Derby, Kansas be authorized, upon the expiration of the existing one-half percent (1/2 %) city-wide retailers’ sales tax imposed in the City to finance the costs of a municipal aquatic park facility and related appurtenances thereto and payment of operating and maintenance costs thereof (the “Aquatic Park Sales Tax”), to: (1), impose a one-half percent (1/2%) city-wide retailers’ sales tax (the “Library Sales Tax”), the proceeds of which shall be used only to finance the costs of construction and equipping of a new public library and related appurtenances thereto (the “Derby Public Library Project”) and payment of operating and maintenance costs thereof; the collection of such Library Sales Tax to commence upon the expiration of the Aquatic Park Sales Tax and shall terminate upon the earlier of the following: (a) accumulation of sufficient revenues to provide for: (i) payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and (ii) provision of an operation and maintenance reserve; or (b) ten years after its commencement; and (2) issue sales tax/general obligation bonds in a principal amount of not to exceed \$9,435,000 to pay the costs of the Derby Public Library Project and associated financing costs; all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12–187 *et seq.*, as amended and K.S.A. 10–101 *et seq.*, as amended?

Get Involved - Vote!

Advance voting for registered voters can be done by mail Sept. 26 - Oct. 12. Advance voting at the Historic County Courthouse, 510 N. Main in Wichita, is open from noon on Oct. 3 through noon on Oct. 15 and in Derby from noon on Oct. 11 through 4 p.m. on Oct. 13 at Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 S. Woodlawn.

Election Day is **Tuesday, October 16.**

Polls will open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for registered voters in Derby as follows:

Precincts 11, 14, 21	Pleasantview Baptist Church, 1335 N. Buckner
Precincts 31, 41, 42	Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 S. Woodlawn
Precincts 12, 13, 22, 32	Calvary Baptist Church, 1636 E. Patriot Avenue

The last day to register is October 1.

Voter registration forms are available at Derby City Hall or the Derby Public Library, 611 Mulberry; Sedgwick County Tag Office, 206 W. Greenway; Derby Recreation Center, 801 E. Market; and both Derby Dillons stores.

For registration and election information, call the Sedgwick County Election Office, 660-7100 or visit www.sedgwickcounty.org/elections and click on the “Coming Up - Derby Special Election” link.