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Bigfork

THE CAMPAIGN FOR A NEW BIGFORK LIBRARY



Bigfork deserves a great library.

DEAR BIGFORK,

Great towns have great libraries. They are the hallmark of a healthy, successful community and reflect a commitment to education and prosperity.

Bigfork is a great town- a wonderful place where we're both proud to live, work and play. A great library will ensure that it's also a great place to grow up, grow older, to discover yourself and to realize your full potential. That's why we're investing in a new library for Bigfork.

Won't you join us?

Sincerely,

Al Logan and Andrea Goff
Campaign Co-Chairs

ImagineIF asked Bigfork what they needed most from a new library, and here's what they said; a place to connect, to learn and to thrive. →



“I’ve seen firsthand the impact that ImagineF has on my student’s success in school and life. Students discover their future careers, become active citizens, and uncover who they are at the library. Students who spend time in libraries develop the desire to learn and grow throughout their lifetimes. That’s why I take my students to the library, and why a new library for Bigfork will be a gift to generations of young learners.”

—TRISH SHULTZ

3rd Grade Teacher, Bigfork Elementary School

A LIBRARY FOR EDUCATION

What happens when a community invests in self-directed learning?

Our new library will offer:

- Expanded **Early literacy** classes that ensure all children enter school ready to learn
- **Support for families doing remote instruction**, including lend-able devices and WIFI hotspots
- Expanded **STEM-focused** Summer Experience programs for Teens and Tweens
- Informal and **self-directed learning opportunities** that create innovative thinkers at any age
- Access to **high quality information** through enhanced collections, technology and staff expertise
- **Peer-to-peer mentorship** and learning opportunities





“A new library for Bigfork will contribute to a healthy economy. Our library is a resource for people looking for jobs, whether that’s honing needed job skills, applying for jobs online or creating resumes. We know how crucial public meeting space is for entrepreneurs, free-lancers and civic groups. We also know that an excellent public library increases property values and retail traffic. When we imagine a better Bigfork, a modern library is part of that picture”

— PAUL MUTASCIO
and the Community Foundation
for a Better Bigfork

A LIBRARY FOR **ECONOMIC GROWTH**

How can we boost Bigfork’s vibrant entrepreneurial spirit?

Our new library will offer:

- Modern, informal **gathering spaces** for co-working
- Access to top-of-the-line **office resources** including Adobe Creative Suite software
- Ample public parking and flexible, **communal outdoor spaces**
- Access to **high speed internet** for all and one-on-one technology instruction
- Spaces and **programs that cultivate the 21st Century skills** that employers are seeking
- A **career coaching program** provided in partnership with a local jobs service





“Bigfork is all about community. We are unique, innovative and supportive. The library is a big part of how we connect to one another. Connection to community, families, and organizations make us who we are, a resourceful village in the heart of Big Sky Country.”

— CATHY HAY
Director of Bigfork ACES

A LIBRARY FOR A STRONG COMMUNITY

How do we create a resilient community in challenging times?

Our new library will offer:

- Multiple free public **meeting rooms**
- An **open and flexible floor plan** to accommodate all kinds of events and gatherings
- **ADA-accessible facilities** in an inclusive, inspiring space
- **Inter-generational programs** where people can share knowledge, experience and real-life social networks
- **New collaborations** between ImaginE!F and local educators, non-profits, artists and makers.



OUR **CURRENT** SPACE IN BIGFORK

Cramped Quarters

Our current facilities in the BACC building offer:

- A scant 1,400 square feet
- Limited early literacy classes
- No meeting space
- No teen programs
- Limited parking, especially in summer
- No room to expand our collection



Simply put, our current space allows no room to evolve. Why does space matter? Because without room to grow, Bigfork is missing out on Early Literacy Classes, communal meeting space, teen programs, and a host of other fun and enriching programs.

OUR **NEW** SPACE IN BIGFORK

An Opportunity for Growth

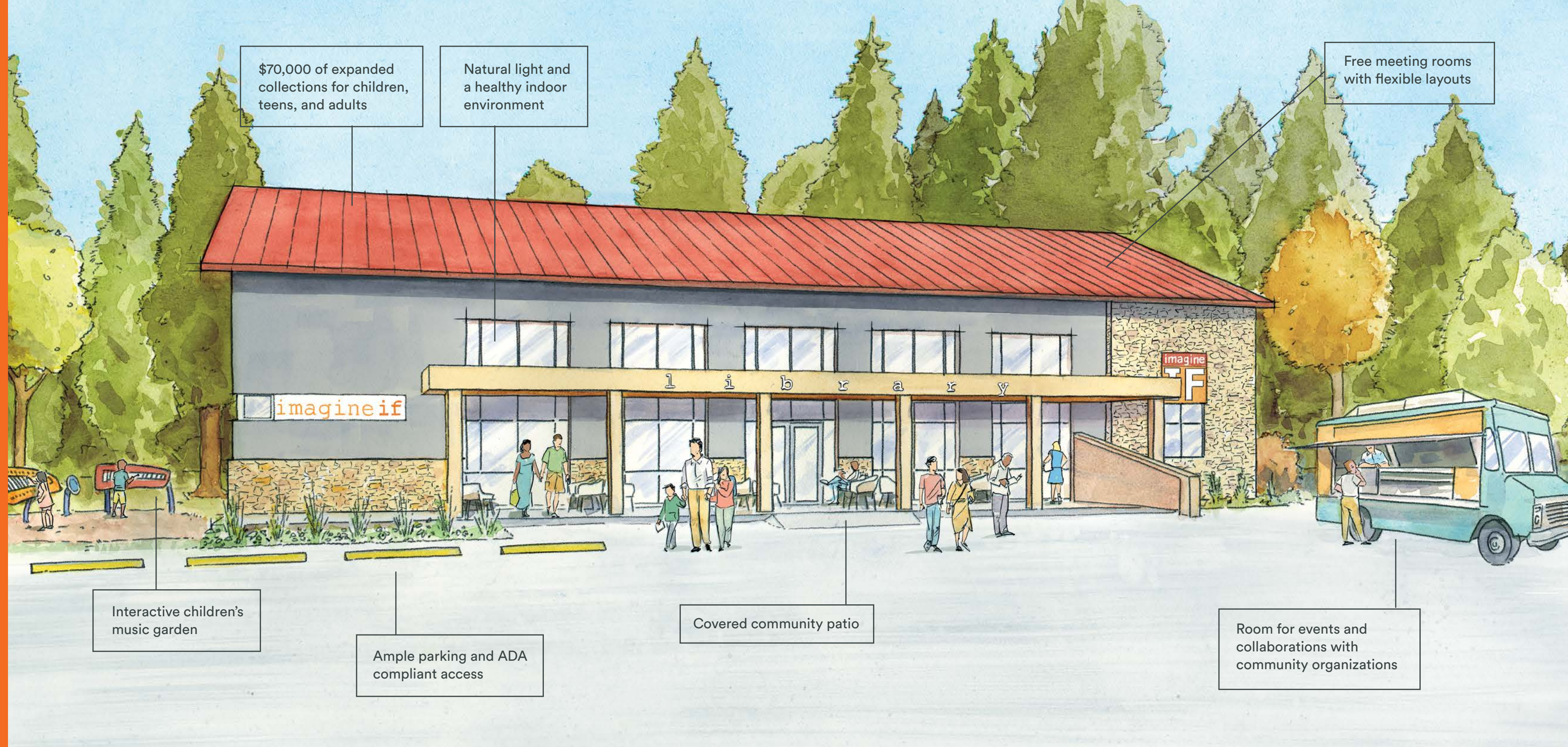
Our new facility, located behind the Bethany Lutheran church on Highway 35, offers:

- 6,000 square feet with soaring ceilings and natural light
- A wooded lot with outdoor features and ample parking year-round
- Space to expand teen, tween and adult programs
- A free public meeting room
- Room to create “noise zones” to accommodate all types of activity



Say hello to your beautiful, 21st Century library

Your support will bring us
closer to a more vibrant,
connected community.



\$70,000 of expanded
collections for children,
teens, and adults

Natural light and
a healthy indoor
environment

Free meeting rooms
with flexible layouts

Interactive children's
music garden

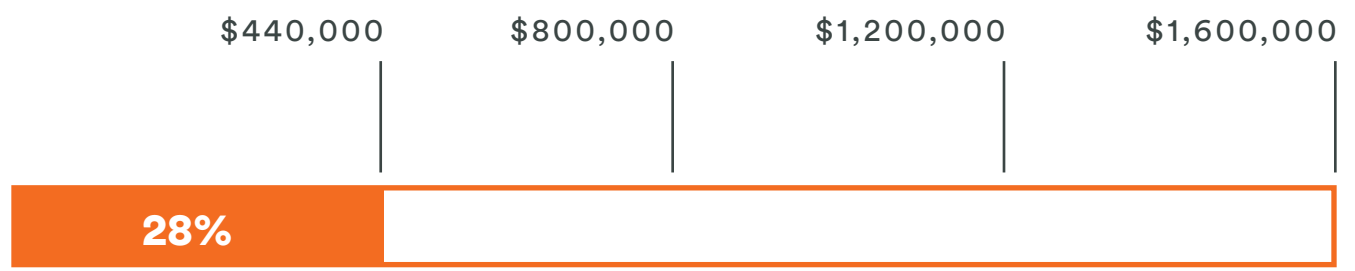
Ample parking and ADA
compliant access

Covered community patio

Room for events and
collaborations with
community organizations



Make a gift, invest in Bigfork.



By June 2020 we'd raised 28% of our goal. That's \$440,000 toward our \$1,600,000 total cost. When we reach 75% of our goal, we'll be able to finalize architectural plans and begin renovation.

Can you help us keep the momentum going?

HOW TO DONATE

There are many ways to give- individual gifts, corporate gifts, pledges paid over time, gifts of service, and more. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Contact Executive Director Charlotte Housel or visit anewbigforklibrary.org to make a gift.

- **Launch:** 2019
- **Quiet Phase:** 2019-2020
- **Public Phase:** Spring 2021
- **Design Finalized:** Summer 2021
- **Renovation Phase:** Fall 2021-Spring 2022
- **Library Opens:** Spring 2022
- **Goal Reached:** Summer 2022

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE:

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