

Millstadt Library Update: No New Library without Successful Annexation

Yes, you read that right.

Through many of our conversations about building a new library, we've found that one of the main misunderstandings is that just because we received a grant from the state of Illinois Millstadt is already guaranteed a new library.

That is definitely not the case.

Your library has purchased property and the board of trustees has been working with experts to design a functional, modern library and community space for our Millstadt families and children. The library design was submitted and we were awarded a grant from the state of Illinois and Illinois State Library of more than \$1.2 million.

The challenge? Our need to raise \$2.6 million to secure the grant that will allow us to fund our project. We simply cannot do this through fundraising or donations and there aren't enough applicable grants to apply for at this time to meet the June 30 deadline.

The guaranteed way for us to secure the grant is through an annexation – annexing those who live outside the current Millstadt Library District (Millstadt village limits), but inside Millstadt School District 160. A successful annexation allows the library to serve these additional families and areas and increases our revenue – just enough to cover the loans needed to secure the grant and allow us to build a new library for Millstadt.

This library is something for all Millstadt families, for our children, for everyone. A lasting resource the entire community can be proud of, one that will continue to serve the community for decades to come.