



Wright Memorial *Public Library*

PRESERVE, REPAIR & ENHANCE



The **Wright Memorial Public Library** is a community focal point that helps fulfill patron needs for information and entertainment materials; meets the learning needs of patrons on topics related to work, school, and personal life; and encourages learning and intellectual growth from the earliest ages. The Library provides high levels of efficient, friendly, personal service and fosters an atmosphere of intellectual liberty in the American tradition of free ideas.

The Wright Memorial Public Library is a destination for lifelong learning, where community members of all ages come for information, education and personal growth. The Library serves the entire Oakwood School District independently, rather than as part of another library system. Eighty years ago, Orville Wright had the foresight to strengthen the community with a library located in the heart of Oakwood, underwriting the bond levy to support it. The Tudor entrance and vestibule, stained glass windows and North and South reading rooms are touchstones to that history, reminding us that Oakwood is a unique place to live and learn.





Wright Library is a center for education in the community.

THE LIBRARY WORKS TO:

- ☑ Nurture intellectual development and encourage academic excellence through a wide variety of programs with a focus on early literacy and play-based learning for children.
- ☑ Provide essential resources that promote higher education, such as access to computers and the Internet, test proctoring, study space, research databases, scanning and low-cost printing/fax services.



“ ‘There is no place like home.’ That’s how we feel about the Wright Library, a place where everyone is kind, loving, respectable, friendly and beyond helpful. The Library has become an extended family, and we can’t thank everyone enough for the support, love and care for us. Like family, we visit them often and participate in their wonderful activities. It’s just wonderful to have a place where we can go to feel like part of a family and a community.”

— Ines Mauersberg, Oakwood resident



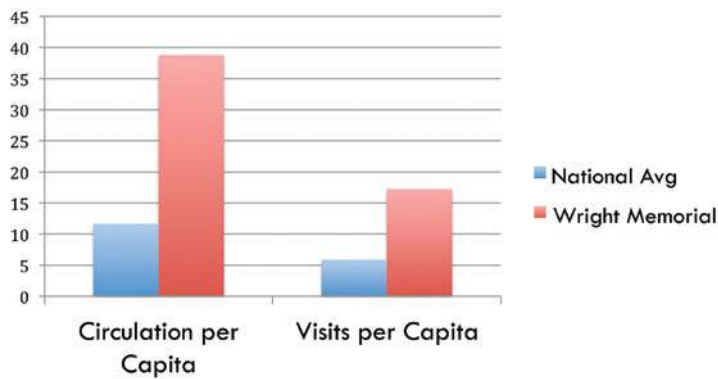
Wright Library has continuously grown since its inception in 1937.

The Library is well loved and well used by Oakwood patrons, with usage far surpassing national averages for circulation and visits per capita.

IN 2015, THERE WERE:

- ✓ Nearly 159,000 library visits.
- ✓ 568 programs with over 16,000 attendees.
- ✓ 133 local school visits made by Youth Services Librarians.

Wright Library National Comparisons*



* Based on data from *The 2015 Public Library Data Service Characters and Trends*, by Ian Reid, 2016.



Wright Library offers many 21st century services, but the facilities are far behind those of a 21st century library.

While the Library is viewed as a community gathering place, offering meeting space and educational programs for all ages, some children's programs are so popular that the Library cannot accommodate the demand and children are turned away.



Wright Library has serious structural issues that interfere with library services.

Excessive moisture and low, concrete ceilings limit the functionality of the lower level for both book collections and public use. The aging HVAC system is inefficient, and fails to maintain a consistent, comfortable temperature throughout the building.

Outdated infrastructure does not support modern needs, such as accessible electrical outlets and reliable Internet connectivity. In addition to these issues, the outdated restrooms and elevator do not meet today's Americans with Disabilities Act Standards.



This beautiful building has served my family well for the last 14 years, but it is in need of some repair."

— Debbie Gorman, patron



Children and Teen areas are small, and the only meeting room is damp and dark.

At this time, there is no room for growth without compromising space for materials. Due to a rise in demand for collaborative spaces, the Library must expand to meet the community's needs.

It has been 80 years since the last bond levy and 30 years since the Library was renovated. A restoration is long overdue.



Without Wright Library, there would be precious few places I could walk to with my children where we could read, play and learn together as well as interact with professionals who model the virtues of academics and community service. It's important for our children to see beyond our own example, to see others in the community striving to serve."

— Karen Cain, Oakwood resident



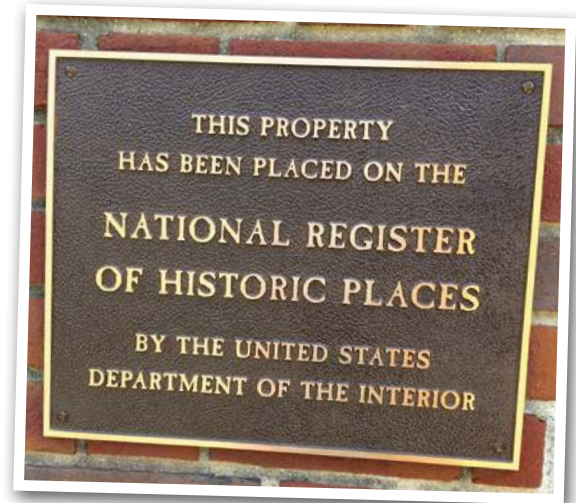
Intellectual growth within the Oakwood community goes hand in hand with the growth of the Library.

The aging facility's limitations are a barrier to reaching the Library's potential to serve the community. Oakwood's residents deserve more. The plan to redesign Wright Library would Preserve, Repair and Enhance the Library in the following ways:

PRESERVE the historic Oakwood Architecture.

REPAIR serious structural issues that disrupt library services.

ENHANCE Oakwood's library experience through renovated facilities and increased opportunities.



The renovation is imperative for not only the Library's continued success, but also the intellectual growth of Oakwood residents.

Philanthropic dollars from our community will bolster the eventual passage of the Wright Library bond levy. We believe that raising as much as \$2 million in contributions will have a great impact on the voters of our community.

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